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FROM THE PRESIDENT

WE CAN ALL DO OUR PART TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE CONDOS

n page 5 is a sample letter/talking points for a call (and contact information) for our Florida State Senator and Representative. As part of the Las Verdes community, villa owners can help in the effort to contact these officials. The condo buildings face big expenses with the new law that punishers all condo owners for the negligence made by the Board of the Champlain Towers in Surfside. Condo Board Presidents will meet February 14.

Tom Massey President, Las Verdes POA



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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE SINGER TO PERFORM ON FEBRUARY 10

The had a great turnout and wonderful time at our Disco Party. This month we have a Neil Diamond Tribute event scheduled for Friday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00. Neil Zirconia will be performing live! Reserve your place at the office. BYOB, dessert and coffee provided.

Save the date for our early St. Patrick's Day Party which will be on Saturday, March 11. Stay tuned for more details on this fun event!

Diane Andruski

Carnivale, our wonderful tradition will be held on Sunday, February 19 at 6:00 p.m. Reserve your spot by February 12. Save the date for our annual picnic which will be Sunday, March 19, at 5:00 p.m. Reservations for both events can be made with Chickie Stettner (561) 866-0575.

We have a fabulous trip planned together with the Snowbirds Club, on February 27, 28, and March 1 to Mt. Dora/Orlando. For reservations call Carolyn Giovannini, 609-516-4241 or Joe DeLosa, 845-380-4988

Everyone is cordially invited to our events, such as Carnivale and the picnic and the trip. We look forward to you joining us!

Carolyn Giovannini President, Italian American Club

BATTLE OF BALL'S BLUFF CIVIL WAR PRESENTATION SCHED-ULED FOR FEBRUARY 15

earn why the Battle of Ball's Bluff is the most interesting battle of the Civil War. The Civil War Battle that remains with us today.

Michael L. Oddenino's Ball's Bluff presentation is a weaving together of the tantalizing connections between the characters, the terrain, the fighting, and the chain-reaction of events that followed that battle.

Be amazed at the large number of intriguing present-day connections to this battle. Learn about connections with Ball's Bluff and Egypt, the Statue of Liberty, the Golden Gate Bridge, the U.S. Supreme Court, the CIA, George Washington, Paul Revere, Winston Churchill, and more, all connected to the Battle of Ball's Bluff.

Ball's Bluff is truly the little battle with big consequences. It is the battle that few people know about; but once you hear this presentation you will be surprised how much today will remind you of this battle that took place early in the Civil War.

Come learn about the most interesting battle of the Civil War. Wednesday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. This presentation is free and open to all.

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

ur next regular meeting is March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

he next book club meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. We are currently reading "The Lion's Courtship" by Annelie Wendeberg.

If you enjoy reading, you will enjoy this group. All are always welcome to join us!



Diane Costello

BINGO CONTINUES IN FEBRUARY

e will be playing Bingo every Thursday evening in February at 7:00 p.m.

We have a lot of fun together and warmly welcome you.



Karen Enrico

THE SNOWBIRDS CLUB

ur next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7 at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

We look forward to the trip later this month with the Italian American Club. Welcome to all! You don't need to be a Snowbird to be a part of the fun!

Pat Delaney President, Snowbirds Club

LAS VERDES POA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Massey at 7:05 p.m. and we opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: There were 15 associations present: Aspen, Banyan, Bottlebrush (2), Coconut Palm, Copperleaf, Cypress, Dogwood, Evergreen, Forsythia, Laurel Oak (2), Oleander, Oliveleaf, Palmetto, Seagrape, and Viburnum. Two absent. There was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: There was a motion by Jack Walsh to waive the reading of the last minutes, seconded by Dawn Jeffers, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Diane Andruski read the report as of 11/30/2022:

as 01 11/30/2022.

Total Operating Cash: \$1,289,753.57

Total Reserves: \$975,690.46

Total Operating and Reserve Funds: \$2,265,444.06

There were no questions. A motion was made by Fred Jurnove to accept the Treasurer's Report as read, seconded by Nat DeVardo, motion passed.

President's Report: BUSHES – More Clusia hedge bushes have been planted along Military Trail, south of the entrance towards Military Trail. Once the right turn lane project is completed, we will add more.

SECURITY CAMERAS – The POA installed four more cameras this year at the condo buildings. Presently, Evergreen and Dogwood are being installed. This brings the total to six. We will install the remaining cameras this year, so all the condo parking lots will have cameras. We have 52 cameras around the property, and they have been very helpful in identifying people crashing the gates, etc.

TREE TRIMMING – On Linton Blvd. going west, the trees are over the sidewalk, very dense, and need trimming badly. We will need to get a bucket truck to trim them from the outside of our property.

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS- We signed a contract two weeks ago for the two bathrooms in the Clubhouse. This is the final project for the Clubhouse renovation, and the construction will begin in April.

There was a motion to accept the Presidents Report by Jack Walsh, seconded by Jim Fogarty, motion passed.

Old Business: CLUBHOUSE PRIVATE PARTY USE

- President Massey proposed the idea of the Yoga Room and Game Room being reserved by owners for their private parties. These rooms can be reserved through the office for use as a gathering place for owners who live here to use for small parties, such as birthday parties, etc. We will have guidelines in place, no smoking, no pets, no alcohol, and the length of the party is limited to four hours. A \$100 set up/cleaning fee will apply, and a refundable deposit of \$400.00 is required. The party must end by 9:45 p.m. and the Clubhouse vacated by 10:00 p.m. POA functions get priority for the spaces. In time, we may add awnings to the space just outside the Clubhouse (off the game room) that could be used by owners for barbeques and HOA gatherings. There was some discussion and then President Massey called a vote whether to allow owners to be able to reserve the Yoga and Game Rooms for private functions. There was a show of hands, and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Nat DeVardo to accept the Old Business Report, seconded by Jim Fogarty. Passed.

New Business: ELECTION OF OFFICERS-

- Treasurer: There was a vote called by President Massey to nominate Diane Andruski, a vote was taken by show of hands, elected unanimously.
- Secretary: Sonja Nelson was appointed to the position by President Massey, and he called a vote to affirm the appointment; the vote was unanimous.
- Vice President: There was a motion by President Massey to nominate Joseph Downey to another term, elected unanimously.
- President: There was a motion by Joe Downey to nominate Tom Massey; elected unanimously.

There was a motion to accept the New Business Report by Jack Walsh, seconded by Bill Moffa. Passed.

Good and Welfare: There was a concern raised about the guards letting people in without checking IDs. President Massey said we have had issues with Frontline, so looked for proposals and received a bid by another actual security company. They did a complete analysis and proposed to monitor our cameras 24/7 as well. We currently pay about \$160,000/year and the bid was for \$189,000 with a 5% increase every year. We decided to stay with Frontline and are working with them to improve. We are looking at a better system at the front entrance, like an ATM machine that our guests would insert their ID in. Considerable discussion about whether it is worth the money to have the guards, and if there is another type of automated monitoring system. The answer is yes, and this topic can be revisited. The decision was made for the HOAs to discuss this topic with their owners and if

there seems to be majority interested in this, we can research different options.

President Massey added that we are looking into installing a second gate arm at the Linton entrance so that we could eliminate the tailgaters that come in that way.

The topic came up about the condo HOA Presidents getting together to discuss bundling their contractor work such as the engineering reports, to secure better pricing. With the new law, the requirements could be a significant cost burden on the owners. President Massey suggested we should contact our state representatives to ask them to maybe repeal or put an addendum to the law, allowing these requirements to roll out more gradually. Our state representatives will be listed in the February newsletter, and a meeting scheduled for the condo presidents in February.

Richard Decille moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jim Fogarty, motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Nelson, Secretary Las Verdes POA

GARBAGE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

emember that Tuesdays is recycling pick-up and regular garbage here at Las Verdes. On Fridays, landscape waste is picked up, as well as regular garbage, and bulk pick-up. Villa owners, please remember to wait until the evening before pick up or ideally the morning of pick up to put things out.

REMINDER: LET THE POA OFFICE KNOW OF NEW INFORMATION

ur accountants receive returned mail so it is important you kindly let the POA office know if your mailing address has changed.

We appreciate those who have their POA fees taken automatically via ACH. You can get a form from the office and we will help you complete it.

We are still collecting email addresses to "opt in" to receive POA communications. If you'd like to participate, send your email to lasverdespoa@gmail.com.

Las Verdes POA Office

STATE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE CONTACT INFO AND SAMPLE LETTER

561-496-5940

State Senator Lori Berman State Representative Kelly Skidmore

561-292-6014

2300 High Ridge Rd. Ste. 161 7499 W. Atlantic Ave. Boynton Beach, FL 33426 Delray Beach, FL 33446

Dear Senator Berman and Representative Skidmore,

I am a citizen who lives in a condo community in Delray Beach writing to you with concerns about the new state inspection law that was hastily passed due to the collapse of the Champlain Towers in Miami.

This new law is forcing all owners in every condo association in Florida to immediately have a reserve study performed for their buildings, which will force condo owners to have a substantial increase in the monthly maintenance fees to bring their reserves up to 2023 costs immediately. Owners in three story condos will also be hit with an additional huge fee for an engineering study even though we are only three stories high and five miles from the ocean. We have ten of these three-story condo buildings here at Las Verdes, so this is affecting many people. With many of our owners being retired and on fixed incomes, this is a real hardship. We are already facing a hardship with doubling of our insurance costs. Also, why does this law only target condo associations and not rental buildings and commercial buildings?

While we understand your concern for Floridian's safety, we propose you amend or appeal this law. Perhaps you could "roll out" these requirements, starting with buildings within 1 or 2 miles of the ocean, and over 25 stories? This law is making all of us pay for the negligence of The Champlain Towers Board of Directors and is simply not fair to others who live in a condo association in the state of Florida.

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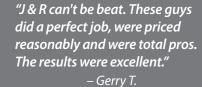
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February Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1. Mentally acute
- 6. Masseuse employer
- 9. "Otherwise ...
- 14. Minute amounts
- 15. Female turkey
- 16. "If a tree falls in the forest and
- 17. Adjective for a he-man
- 19. Bonehead
- 20. Kind of card
- 21. Writer Kesey
- 22. Cried out, as in pain
- 23. Like some mounted diamonds
- 26. Silly prank
- 27. Features of some thermostats and cars
- 31. Consolation prize recipients
- 34. Egyptian cross
- 35. Love handles, essentially
- 36. "Joie de vivre"
- 37. Moneypenny's trio
- 38. Round flatbread
- 39. Zinger deliverer
- 40. Fiddling with a bow
- 42. "I couldn't care less" attitude
- 44. Marathon at Camden Yards
- 47. Bose product
- 48. Dead end
- 52. Become conscious
- 54. Move on snow
- 55. Treat, as a hide
- 56. Words to a hitchhiker
- 57. David Lynch TV series
- 60. Big-time social gathering 8. "_ I quote ... "
- 61. Contained
- 62. Goodbye, in Aries
- 63. Wetland plant
- 64. Trip for a narcissist?
- 65. Be the for wear

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- 1. Shankar's instrument
- 2. Book category
- Makeup of matter
- 4. The "so few" Churchill referred to
- 5. Letters on tires
- 6. "Fiddler on the Roof' setting
- 7. Ball- hammer
- 9. Comprehensive
- 10. More disgusting
- 11. Charitable organization, often
- 12. "Going_, going ... "
- 13. off(angry)
- 18. Cold-water shorebirds
- 22. Give a good tug
- 24. Genesis garden
- 25. Mangy mutt
- 26. Inmates
- 28. Birch bark boat
- 29. Groundwork for plaster

- 30. Order to a dog
- 31. Like blue limericks
- 32. Eclectic assortment
- 33. Soaked through and through
- 37. Sound in an empty room
- 38. "Chute" or "mount" attachment
- 40. Somewhat firm, as pasta
- 41. Equestrian's strap
- 42. asst. (office aide)
- 43. Cheerleader's asset
- 45. Using the oven
- 46. Japanese martial art
- 49. Landing connector
- 50. "Goodness alive!"
- 51. Follow afterward
- 52. A G rating admits them all 53. Fairly common contraction
- 54. Ill-gotten gain
- 57. Common title word
- 58. Furry foot
- 59. Tokyo, once





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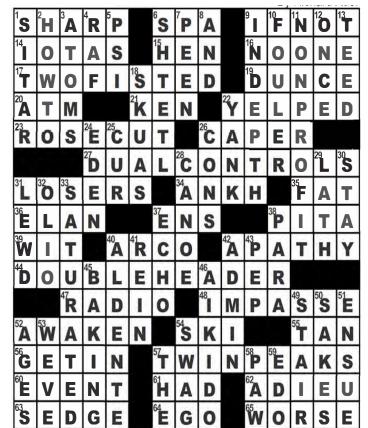
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