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Eagle Point Mobile Home Park

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Board Bits

Larry Dobson, President

Over the years since our community experienced Hurricane Charley, a tremendous amount of time, energy and money has been invested in repairing and improving the infrastructure of Eagle Point. The list of infrastructure projects that needed attention has been shortened substantially.

A major remaining problem is the drainage issue during heavy rainfall which affects the northern side of our community. Heavy rains flood the roads, driveways and yards in that area. The Board of Directors will be hiring an engineering company to study the problem and give us the best option to solve this issue with the best return for our investment. Without an engineering study and proposal, acquiring mandatory permits to pursue any corrective action or hiring a contractor to perform these actions will be nearly impossible. We must always comply with all legal requirements. This is one more step in insuring a sound future for Eagle Point and continuing the quality of life we now enjoy.

As I have stated at Board meetings and in the *Screaming Eagle*, if we do not maintain and improve our infrastructure, the quality and beauty of Eagle Point will diminish.

I hope all of you are enjoying the many activities offered each week; you can choose to be as involved as you wish. Take a minute and check out our new docks, the swimming pool, BBQ area and the new pool furniture. We are happy with how our park looks — we've come a long way since that Friday in August, 2004 when Hurricane Charley did its best to destroy our community. We have come back better, stronger and more beautiful than ever before . . . and all of this because of the dedicated residents of Eagle Point.

Thank you for your continued efforts that make our community a positive place to live.

Dates to Remember

- *March 2 Buildings & Grounds Meeting*
10 a.m. Office Conference Room
- *March 2 Salad Card Party*
12:30 p.m. Social Hall
- *March 3 Meet the Candidate Night*
7 p.m. Social Hall
- *March 4 Social Committee Meeting*
10 a.m. Wreck Room
- *March 6 Happy Hour*
4 p.m. Poolside
- *March 7 Freebie Breakfast*
8:30 a.m. Social Hall
- *March 7 Bloodmobile*
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Social Hall Parking Lot
- *March 8 Dog & Suds Party*
2 p.m. Poolside
- *March 11 Women's Club Luncheon*
1 p.m. Laishley Crab House
- *March 12 AED and CPR Class*
1 p.m. Social Hall
- *March 14 Low Country Boil & Trivia Contest*
6 p.m. BYOB 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Trivia
- *March 18 Eagle Point Board Meeting*
1:30 p.m. Social Hall
- *March 20 Charlotte Charisma Choir*
7 p.m. Social Hall
- *March 22 50th Wedding Anniversary Party*
2 p.m. Social Hall
- *March 24 Eagle Point Annual Shareholders Meeting and Election of Officers*
1:30 p.m. Social Hall
- *March 29 New Resident Meet and Greet Party*
2 p.m. Social Hall

March marches in

“In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the lion sleeps tonight . . .”

Adopting the lion and the jungle as themes, Michigan will march us into March with the Salad Card Party on Monday, Mar. 2 at 12:30 p.m.

The Freebie Breakfast will be on the following Saturday, Mar. 7.

A new event — the Low Country Boil — (a shrimp, potato, sausage and corn dish) will take place on Saturday, Mar. 14 starting with 6 p.m. BYOB and moving on to dinner at 6:30 p.m.

A trivia contest will commence at 7:30. All of this for \$12.

On Friday, Mar. 20 at 7 p.m., the Charlotte County High School elite, award-winning choir, Charisma, will perform for us for \$8 a ticket.

Michigan hopes you will visit the “jungle” and join them in a few fun, wild times.

New resident meet and greet

Come meet our new neighbors — about two dozen — at a party for all of us on Sunday, Mar. 29 at 2 p.m. in the Social Hall.

We will play Eagle Point Bingo as a way to get to know one another. Refreshments will be served. This event is free and we look forward to seeing you all.

50 years? Wow!

Every three years, the Women’s Club hosts an Eagle Point 50th Anniversary celebration. This year it will be held on Sunday, Mar. 22 at 2 p.m. in the Social Hall, honoring couples who were married in 1964, ‘65 and ‘66.

A program celebrating this half-century mark of 10 couples has been organized by Sherrie Dobson and her committee.

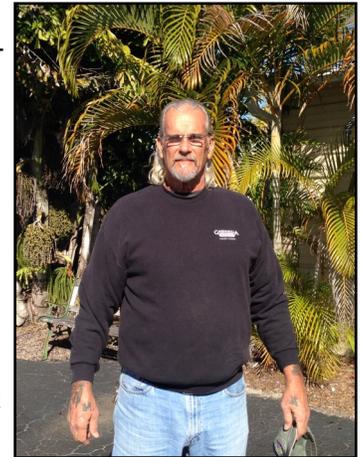
The event is free, but please obtain a ticket from Diane Young (941-505-1674) for a head count.

Maintenance man joins Al

A new and experienced part-time maintenance worker, Buzz Lewandowski, has joined the Eagle Point staff and will work along with Al Fendick beautifying and maintaining the park grounds.

Buzz retired from the petroleum pipeline industry in Maryland and in 2006 moved to Florida. He helped open Laishley Marina in downtown Punta Gorda as

the original harbormaster. His daughter is a manager at Harpoon Harry’s restaurant and bar in Fisherman’s Village. We welcome Buzz to the park.



Spreading the wealth

The good news from Eagle Point Women’s Club is that we had a very successful Rummage Sale. We thank Kathy Churchill for all of her hard work and planning.

With \$5,727.60 profit from the sale, we donated \$2900 to the following agencies: C.A.R.E. (Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies), Charlotte Head Start, Disabled American Veterans, Humane Society of Charlotte County, Charlotte C.B.H.C. (Charlotte Behavioral Health Center), Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Punta Gorda Police Department youth summer basketball, Wildlife Sanctuary at Ponce De Leon Park, Special Olympics, Salvation Army, Shrine Circus Donation for Children.

We also allocated \$400 to the Social Committee for maintenance in the Social Hall (paper products, coffee, etc.). We set aside \$1500 for an Eagle Point project to be determined. The remaining balance will help pay for the 50th wedding anniversary celebration. We thank Sherrie Dobson and her committee, who are planning this event.

On Wednesday, Mar. 11, the annual spring luncheon will be held at Laishley Crab House at noon. All Eagle Point women are invited. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. We will meet in the parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and go from there to the restaurant. Anyone needing a ride please post this on the sign-up sheet along with your phone number. If you have questions please call Brigitte Laughlin at 941-575-0520. Hope to see all of you at lunch.

Meet your new neighbors

Cindy and Tim Pohto of Ohio purchased unit #164 from Pat and Bob Gasper.

Cindy retired 10 years ago from Magnif Toy Company; Tim worked for the city of Painsville, OH for 26 1/2 years.

Cindy loves crafts and Tim likes cooking. Both enjoy camping, and Tim used to hunt and fish. They will be full-time residents, going north in the summers to visit.

The Pohto's phone number: 440-488-1402.

Larry and Diane Tegtmeier of Nebraska purchased unit #40, formerly owned by Claudette Ecret.

Diane was a dental assistant for 34 years; Larry retired as an engineer from Union Pacific Railroad after 38 years and a tour in the Navy as a Seabee.

Diane loves spending time with her grandkids, ages 4 to 21, as well as bicycling and knitting; Larry is an artist of metal sculpturing, as well as a fan of racket ball, tennis, fishing and crab trapping.

The Tegtmeier's phone number: 402-223-8068

Rick and Penny Williams of Ohio purchased unit #22 from Francis Gould and Martha Peysner.

Penny was assistant general manager at Sandusky Yacht Club in Sandusky, OH, for 36 years; Rich worked at General Motors for 39 years in machine repair and as a laser alignment specialist.

The couple has five grandchildren. Penny enjoys cake decorating and sewing. Rich built hot rod cars and plays guitar. They like to travel.

The William's phone number: 419-366-6321.

Learn ways to save lives

Hands-on CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), AED (automated external defibrillator) and choking action training will be held in the Social Hall on Thursday, Mar. 12, 2015 at 1 p.m.

This will be a free class given by the Punta Gorda Fire Department under their Family and Friends training program and will be taught by the Fire Department's Operation Chief, Holden Gibbs. The training will not result in recertification. As a non medical facility, we are not required to be certified and are released from liability by the Florida Good Samaritan Act if we use the AED, perform CPR or the Heimlich procedure.

Please join us in learning how to help your family and fellow residents. There will be no exam. A sign-up sheet will be in the Social Hall.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Carol Butterfield 941-639-8679

Poolside Dog & Suds Party

The second Sunday of March will see us chowing down on delicious Koegel hotdogs and beer at the second annual Dog & Suds Party. Hosted by Dennis and Judy Rush and Roger and Tansy Powell, who donate the dogs, buns, condiments and beer, the shindig is also a free party.

Bring a side dish if you feel like it. Every single one of us is invited and they really want us to join in. So, see you there!

Cook-off draws a crowd

The second annual rib cook-off fed a mob of nearly 200 people. "It was over 190, that's for sure," said Jim Vail, initiator of the first contest in 2014. "And I want to really thank the 10 entrants -- can't have the party without the contestants!"

The winners were team Roger Schwisow/Roger Powell, first place; Tim Pohto, second place; and Bob Schneller and partner Rick Mills, third place.

With the accompaniment of cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad and dessert, the big crowd was well fed. Many of the partiers then played a game of 20 Questions, with winner Carol Butterfield's team (Carol and husband Dave, Nancy Quillen, Wanda Royer, Terry and Linda Johnson and Lucia and Don Gale) splitting \$100.



BBQ cook-off winners Roger Powell and Roger Schwisow show off their first-place trophy and \$100 check for their fabulous recipe.

Meet the candidates

Meet the Candidate Night will be held Tuesday, Mar. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall. Refreshments will be served. Candidates Sue Elliott, Kathleen Lapcinski, Bill Mowery, Carl Myers and John Triantafillo will share their backgrounds and answer questions. And then we can mingle while slurping up the ice cream sundaes — on the house. The election will be held March 24, 2015.

Three kings need help

The nativity scene creators need help. We will begin in March working on the three kings in order to add them to the Christmas diorama at the park entrance. Let me know if you can help and bring your saw, paint brush and creativity. Thanks! *Ina Stark 810-280-5325*

Councilwoman Prafke keeps us in the loop

Volunteer in Policing (VIP) program is currently in need of Volunteers for the Records Section. Members of the community interested in volunteering with the police department are encouraged to contact Volunteer Services Coordinator at rcopeland@pgorda.us.org

Vietnam Wall of Southwest Florida organizing committee has established an online account to accept donations. Please visit <http://www.gofundme.com/mahqz8> for more information.

After the major widening of Jones Loop and Burnt Store intersection at U.S. 41 was completed, it was discovered that the crosswalk signals were backward facing and not working. It was also learned that no one included integrating the crosswalk signalization with the railroad crossing signals. Charlotte County has been working with Seminole Gulf Railway to fix this. City Engineer Mark Gering says that the design is complete and an agreement is being drafted in the County legal department. The estimated cost to the County is \$225,000. There is no construction date set and the physical work is still several months away.

In 2014, it took the Punta Gorda Fire Department four minutes and seven seconds to arrive at the scene. It is projected to take four minutes and three seconds in 2015.

Join Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society at their annual spring fundraiser at Burnt Store Lakes. For \$10 you can enjoy an afternoon of Jim Morris music and help restore murals like the "First City Council." Sunday Mar. 8, 2015, 1-4 p.m. BYOB, BYO chairs. Food and soda stands. Watch for signs on Burnt Store south near Turtle Crossing Plaza.



Proper flag disposal

If your flag is worn and tattered and you need to dispose of it, there is a box in the Social Hall to place it in.

George Pence of Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home Cemetery and Crematory will collect flags for proper disposal.

Don't forget:

- *Residents, please carry a flashlight when walking in the park after dark.*
- *Bicycles and golf carts need lights on at night also.*
- *Parking by the Social Hall kitchen door should be for loading and unloading.*
- *Parking spaces near west entrance to Social Hall are for bicycles only.*
- *Park vehicles within the lines.*
- *Parking on grass is prohibited.*
- *Children and guests under 18 must be supervised by an adult at all times.*
- *Pick up after your pets.*