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RETREAT ON ALERT for HURRICANE SEASON

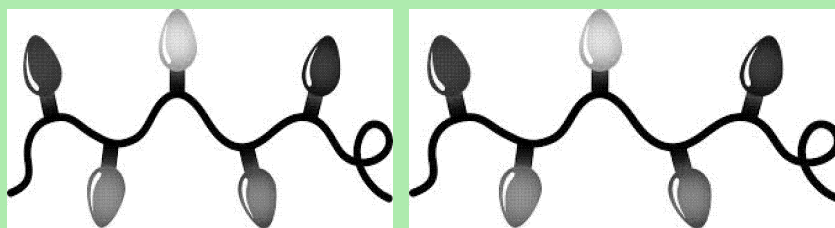
by

Audrey DeLoffi

Meteorologists have been predicting that Florida can expect more storms than usual in our 2020 hurricane season. By the end of July, we were already up to nine named storms, with the addition of Isaias. The weather bureau was showing us all kinds of models for the storm track and most of them seemed to say that the Treasure Coast would take a hit. However, since we had been dealing with the Coronavirus since March, the prediction of a hurricane seemed to create less angst than usual. Many people prepared by closing shutters and moving outdoor furniture under cover. We made sure we had water and some non-perishables—but really there was no big rush at the grocery stores. In fact, there was more toilet paper left on the grocery shelves than there had been at the start of the virus shutdown! No doubt, the lack of urgency was because we were already prepared, due to the Covid19! The frequent hurricane updates from our property manager, Scott Montagna were also helpful. It seemed that the Retreat veterans of hurricanes were more nonchalant and many did not even put up their hurricane shutters. But others, being the more anxious type, or former snowbirds who were now here for the summer, were shuttered for two to three days!! Luckily, Isaias lost strength as it traveled closer to FL and our winds and rain were actually less than many of the rainstorms we have on a regular day. Again, we luckily missed the bullet!



OUR HOUSE SHUTTERED



Holiday Lights Extravaganza Home Decorating Contest (outside decorations)

The Retreat Social Committee is announcing a Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

There will be cash prizes and yard signs for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Judging will take place on Friday, December 11th between 7-9 pm.

Check your decorations and start planning!

Backyard Visitor Dottie Williams

One morning a Bobcat came walking through our yard. Here are some of the photos Dave was fortunate enough to take. As you can see, he was quite calm and curious.



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*Joe of All Trades
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Sharing a Tribute Emory Joe Boucher

Just Call Joe!

We have lost a good friend and neighbor. Joe Boucher, passed away on Tuesday, July 7th after suffering a severe stroke a week earlier. He was probably on his way to another job, when he was in his car and said to Karin, "I'll be right back"!

Joe always wanted to be referred to as a contractor, but to us he was the local handyman and a 'legend' in our community. Whenever anyone needed repairs, had a leak, a maintenance chore, or just to change a battery or a light bulb, we would say: "Just Call Joe"! He was always willing to help someone with a problem, no matter what. We would always see him 'zipping' around in his blue & gray truck. Which in the last year, even he could no longer fix and had to junk and get himself a BMW. He would say that he was afraid people would no longer give him work, since he appeared not affordable driving a 'beamer'!

Joe was 78 yrs old from upstate New York, Saratoga and Glens Falls area. He had served in the US Air Force during the Vietnam era in the early 60's and was assigned to the 'Motor Pool', which is probably where he learned his trade for fixing things.

Joe was very knowledgeable and knew how to fix just about anything.

He is survived by Karin Ryan and his daughter, who had taken care of him in his last days. There is not a single person in The Retreat who either didn't personally know "Joe" or know of him. He will be missed in our community and for many, to no longer utter the words, **"Just Call Joe"!**

It was written by good friend and neighbor: **Arthur Lubus**. Thank you from all of us.

May he rest in peace.

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE WOMEN'S CLUB???

By Mona Wiley

Hi Friends! I feel like it's been months since I've seen you and spoken with you or written this article!! When will this be over? Of course, I don't have an answer, but I can't believe what this community has done to have an impact on our neighbors, as well as our Hobe Sound and Stuart community. For those who are new to our group and as a reminder to others, the Women's Club supports House of Hope all year long with \$100 monthly. This money is used to help those who are less fortunate than we are with groceries and money to pay rent or other needs. In addition, your contributions of groceries to the box in the mail room go to the pantry to keep that stocked with food.

Part of our budget is to encourage one another when sickness or surgery or sadness occurs with our members. Isn't nice to get a card or flowers when you're not feeling your so great.

Thank you so much for all your contributions!

And wow! Thanks for signing up and paying your dues for this coming season. There will be a gathering – we hope the 3rd week (Monday) of October. Just don't know how we can keep social distancing a priority. Also, we haven't figured out how to hear one another as we talk through masks that are 3 layers of cotton! The other day, I couldn't figure out why I couldn't see. I had my sunglasses on and mask on, so yes, that was it – I took my mask off, but I still couldn't see. The confusion these things cause is quite frustrating! Finally, it dawned on me that my glasses were fogged up with steam from coming out of AC into scorching 93deg. Humidity – so see – it was the mask's fault!!

All that to say if you haven't paid your dues for this year – PLEASE send in your \$25 to Fran Spaulding Now!

Say, look at these pictures. You wonderful people responded generously to the **“Back Pack Back to School”** drive. My goodness the outpouring of **every item** on the school lists were purchased to fill at least **34 back packs**, which some of you donated. With money that was given (about \$446.00) we were able to purchase baby wipes, hand sanitizers and boxes of tissues for the kids at Seawind Elementary. The school teachers as well as the students thank you for your above and beyond willingness to help!

YOU ARE THE BEST!!

Thank you! Back to school supplies drive

Thank you all who contributed to the Back to school drive! What a great success....what generosity! The kids thank you!





Friends and Neighbors by Audrey DeLoffi

Friends and Neighbors of Deb Benson gathered outside her lanai in August to brighten her day. Deb had been undergoing treatment since March and in absolute quarantine. The group made special signs, brought flowers and goodies and sang 'That's What Friends Are For' to cheer her up. Deb was most appreciative and the group was very pleased to be able to make her day!





**KAY CAMPBELL
HARRY AND THE NATIVES
BIRTHDAY JUNE 16, 2020**



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY TO
ROSEMARIE
SCOTTI!!!**



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WISHES
TO
CONI MCGUINN**



**MONA WILEY AND HER
HUSBAND DAN....IT'S
THEIR 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY
SATURDAY, AUGUST
15TH**

Sizzlers at The Retreat Alive & Well

Pickleball Sizzlers at The Retreat Alive & Well

The Retreat Sizzlers Pickleball Players have endured the hardships of sheltering-in-place. During the lock-down we became resourceful, and with all due caution, used local community courts with several regular players in attendance. It seems like yesterday, that our Retreat Clubhouse Banquet & Gala, which proved to be the last event to be held in our community, was a true success. Many players remained local and joined us as the courts re-opened.

As the return of many regular Retreat Pickleball Players help fill our courts from summer away time, let us remind ourselves to keep focused on our great sport of Pickleball here at **The Retreat** with exercise, competition and comraderie.

The Retreat Sizzlers welcome new players to the fastest growing sport in North America of **Pickleball**. We play as mixed doubles in our matches with many players on our courts. The courts enjoy healthy competition on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning, from 8:00 AM until about 11:00 AM.

Ron Doucette

Pickleball Representative to the Clubhouse Committee



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Today's Date: _____

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If you are not currently listed in the Annual Resident Directory, and wish to be -

Please complete & sign the form. Place in the Property Management Drop Box located in the Mail Room.

List your information *exactly* as you want it printed in the Directory.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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Last Name(s): _____

Retreat Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address for Directory: _____

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***Homeowner(s) Signature is required to have information published in the Directory.**

Today's Date: _____



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- ♦Check-phone calls or friendly visits
- ♦Minimal meal preparation

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All RAN information available



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Check out **FAQ** on Home page tab

Check out **Members Only** and **Subscribe to HOA Email**

(Please do not UNSUBSCRIBE if you wish to stay informed)

LET NATURE BE

by

Dottie Williams

Aren't we fortunate to live in area where we can observe a variety of wild animals and plants? Just a walk in our community gives us the opportunity to view all types of egrets, herons, ibis, not to mention otters, sand hill cranes, wood storks, turtles and alligators. Some of these animals, such as the American Alligator, Florida Sand Hill Crane and Wood Stork, are listed on the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission's list of Endangered or Threatened Species. For this reason, we should only observe and enjoy the wildlife.

Feeding the animals, whether it be leaving seed or bread in the grass or directly feeding the birds, such as the Sand Hill Cranes, encourages them to turn to humans for food instead of foraging and searching for themselves. This practice is detrimental to these animals who are already being pushed out of their habitat by development. Remember, The Retreat originally was home to the wildlife and we are the intruders. Let's share this habitat. Respect nature by observing not intruding.

BRIDGE SCORES By Carol Flynn



There are no bridge scores for this edition. Everyone is staying home and staying safe.

“Creativity in Confinement”

After retiring as a graphic designer and art educator, I had discovered the perfect art medium to paint and create with during these trying times in isolation. Alcohol ink is my medium of choice. Painting the birds in my backyard lake has provided me with the perfect subject matter. I have fallen in love with Florida’s water birds and feel so fortunate to have them in my own backyard. Creating my paintings with these beautiful birds and the vivid colors of the inks provide me with a great escape from the reality of life right now. Very relaxing and versatile, alcohol inks possess a zen-like chemical reaction quality that seems like they paint themselves while you watch. Everyone can create art no matter what talent you may or may not think you have. Anything goes. Try it! Alene Sirott-Cope



This is my favorite painting if you need it for my filler article. It was hidden.



MANAGER'S CORNER

Scott Montagna-LCAM, CMCA

Here we are again in another hurricane season and already we've had one hurricane warning. Please see below for quick reminder for "hurricane kits at home" and especially for those that are new to Florida and to hurricane preparedness.

Prepare a hurricane kit and assemble now. Put aside in a special box. Keep heat-sensitive items inside home and rotate stock throughout season. Batteries can go in the refrigerator.

- Flashlights and extra bulbs
- Clock (wind-up or battery-operated)
- Battery-operated radio
- Extra batteries
- Extra Toilet paper (buy it now)
- Bottle Water (buy it now)
- Plastic garbage bags
- Working fire extinguisher
- Fully charged battery-operated lanterns. Do not use candles and kerosene lanterns. They are fire hazards.
- Copy of insurance policy
- Disinfectant or unscented household bleach
- Deodorizer

PET SAFETY

Assemble a pet supply kit in case of storm event.

- Medications and medical records.
- Registration records and microchip/tattoo information
- Pet first aid supplies (consult your Vet)
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses, carriers

Also, you have all met Nikki below, my 5-year-old. Well she now has a sister! Piper, 6 months old.

STAY WELL! - STAY SAFE! Thank you, Scott Montagna- LCAM, CMCA-Vice President of Management Support



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ALL THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THIS
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THE THEME FOR THE NEXT
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