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Bonds and Bonds - ?? Which are Which - ??

We have noticed that some residents are unsure which bonds we are talking about when we refer to the IRS/Bond investigation that is ongoing now. Here's our attempt to shed some light on these "bonds."

Basically, there are two different bonds about which residents should be aware:

First, all new houses in the residential CDD portions of The Villages have a bond attached which is what we refer to as the "Initial Construction Bond." This covers the early work which has to be done in a CDD before there are any residents in the CDD. This includes preparation of the land, removal of trees, contouring of the land, placement of roads and utilities, etc. Rather than adding these sizeable expenses on a pro-rated basis to the purchase price of each home, the developer is permitted by the Chapter 190 law that regulates CDDs to roll these into a bond which is divided among all the homes in a CDD and assumed at closing by the initial owner. Developers like this because it allows them to offer what may appear on first notice to be a lower home price. These bonds are now averaging about \$12,000 for patio villas and about \$48,000 for premier homes. The term is typically 30 years at about 5-7% interest. Residents can pay off the bonds early or pay an annual charge on their county property tax statement.

off areas, etc. The center districts issue bonds to raise the money to purchase these common properties from the developer. The districts then pay off the principal and interest out of our monthly amenity fees. These bonds have thus far totaled over \$300 million and were issued as tax-free bonds at interest rates of about 4-6% payable over periods of 15-33 years.

It is this second class of bonds which are being reviewed by the IRS. The bonds were issued as tax-free to the buyer. However, the IRS contends that the bonds should not be tax-free. We are waiting for a determination by the IRS. Center district management and the POA are reporting on the developments in this IRS review as information is made available.

Most of these bonds were issued in the VCCDD administrative area north of Hwy. 466. However, a single recreation bond issue was completed in December, 2005, for property south of Hwy. 466.

To understand how these "Common Property" bond issues work, below is a summary of this most recent issue.

The Sumter Landing center district (the SLCDD) purchased common properties and related financial assets from the developer for \$60.7 million.

This was the first, and thus far only, purchase of common recreational property in the SLCDD administration area south of highway 466. More purchases may be expected in the years ahead as the developer sells additional recreation facilities and utilities to the SLCDD in similar transactions. 466. Bonds were issued to raise the money to immediately pay the purchase price to the developer. The bonds were scheduled for payment over 33 years out of the monthly amenity fees. The bond's effective interest rate was pegged at approximately 5.3% on a tax-free basis. The principal amount was be-

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Cancer Center Disappointment

We are greatly encouraged by the decision to build a cancer center in Leesburg. We are greatly disappointed that the cancer center will not be built in or near The Villages.

Any cancer survivor can tell you how important it is to live close to the cancer center that is providing treatment.

That is why many of our residents share our dismay that the new \$25 million cancer center, a joint venture between Central Florida Health Alliance and the Moffit Cancer Center, will not be built in The Villages.

This decision doesn't make sense. If the Alliance were truly interested in serving all of the residents of this area, it would locate a cancer center in The Villages where the population is more likely to need cancer treatment services. We are at a loss as to why

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Second, the other bonds are issued by either of our center district CDDs (the VCCDD or the SLCDD) to purchase common property back from the developer. Common property includes the recreation centers, the executive golf courses, tennis courts, swimming pools, postal offices, water treatment facilities, entrance facilities, storm water run-

The technique used then was equivalent to that used for the transactions north of Hwy.

Laurel Manor Recreation Center

The POA President's "State of the POA" Annual Report Summarizing 2009 Activities (postponed from December meeting). Plus Town Hall Talk.

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Which Bonds Are Those?

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fore the interest which could double the total payments over the 33 year term.

In the VCCDD administration area north of highway 466, developer sales of common property like this have numbered about halfa-dozen transactions over the previous 15 years of the VCCDD's existence. Debt service there now accounts for just over 50% of the monthly amenity fee.

The physical assets in the SLCDD transaction include: 13 recreation centers, eight postal stations, five security facilities, three miscellaneous facilities, and the three executive golf courses at the Belvedere facility. The value of the transferred assets was estimated at a then-current value of roughly \$12-\$15 million on the books of the developer.

The financial assets in this transaction included the 6,603 amenity fee contracts from homes closed through October, 2005. The developer agreed to assign these to the SLCDD for collection in the years ahead. These amenity fee contracts were identified by the Fishkind & Associates consulting group using the income-approach appraisal technique as having a net present value of approximately \$63.0 million.

The total transaction value of the deal was based on the net present value of the amenity fee contracts, i.e., the financial assets. The physical assets justify the amenity fee contracts and were included in the deal as part of the overall asset transfer.

The total transaction price was finally pegged at \$60.7 million. Thus, the SLCDD received a slight discount of \$2.3 million to the appraised valuation of \$63.0 million.

The rationale for this deal at the time was to keep the recreational facilities under the management of the SLCDD government which is charged with managing these facilities for the benefit of residents. This avoids having these facilities in the hands of some unrelated company which may not have the mission of managing the facilities for the benefit of residents.

This is also a "Way Out" or "Exit" for the developer that allows him to harvest profit for his development efforts to build attractive facilities in The Villages. If an "Exit" opportunity for the developer were not available, or if he were stuck with the facilities forever, he would be reluctant to invest in building these great Villages facilities for us.

The purchase is paid for out of the amenity fees which we all agreed to pay when we moved here. No additional assessments were or will be required to accomplish this transaction.

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the Central Florida Health Alliance is so unwilling to locate expanded health care facilities like this in The Villages.

Despite the sales pitch of hospital administrators, the new cancer center will not be located in "our back yard" -- just "minutes away." The distance between The Villages Regional Hospital and the Leesburg Hospital is 14 miles and takes over 20 minutes when Highway 441 is not congested, over a halfhour from the northern areas of The Villages, and about 45 minutes in rush hour traffic.

It is grossly misleading to say that the new center will be "just minutes away" from The Villages.

Hospital administrators also promise us a "door-to-door transportation system." We have already received complaints on the present transportation system for cardiac patients and sincerely question if the cancer transportation system will be appropriate for

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POA Mission Statement

The Property Owners' Association of The Villages is an independent organization devoted to our home ownership experience.

The Vision/Objective of the POA is to make The Villages an even better place in which to live, where Residents' Rights are respected, and local governments are responsive to the needs and interests of residents.

The POA serves Villagers through programs of education, research, analysis, representation, advocacy, and legislative action.

The POA also functions as a "watchdog" organization overseeing the actions of our developer and our local governments.

Specific POA attention is focused on housing, community, neighborhood, and local government issues. Special emphasis is focused on the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC), our Community Development Districts (CDDs), the Florida Chapter 190 law that regulates CDD operations, and our developer.

The POA has no ties or obligations to the developer of The Villages which might compromise the POA position or its advocacy of Residents' Rights.

The POA, founded in 1975, is the original homeowners' organization in The Villages. Membership is open to all Villages residents. \Box

The Villages Residents' Bill of Rights

RESIDENTS have RIGHTS to:

- 1. Be treated in a respectful, fair, and responsive manner by the developer and our local government officials.
- 2. Have decision-making authority for important issues in our community.
- 3. Elect our top government officials and approve appointments of the top administrative officials in our community.
- 4. Approve major purchases of common property and the related debt obligations assumed by residents.
- 5. Have local governments that are free of any conflict-of-interest issues.
- Be charged honest monthly amenity fees that are used only for the stated purposes.
 Receive full disclosure when purchasing a home here in The Villages.

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- 8. Receive an objective market appraisal for major purchases of common property.
- 9. Receive objective, unbiased, un-slanted news reporting from local news sources.
- 10. Be informed beforehand by the developer on any major change in our community. □

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cancer patients in all stages of treatment. Cancer survivors remind us that effective transportation is crucial to cancer therapy -you don't want to be waiting for hospital transportation when you are tired, sore, and nauseated and further treatments are timecritical.

Villages residents have already started to complain, but Alliance states "there is not enough room on The Villages Regional Hospital property." This doesn't make sense given the large close-by tracts of land off Hwy. 466A or Hwy. 42. We are sure that the developer would make some of the abundant land around The Villages available for use by the cancer center. Why doesn't the Alliance work with the developer to utilize more of The Villages land for hospital/health care purposes?

We are fearful that the Central Florida Health Alliance will always use the excuse of "not enough land" to avoid giving us expanded comprehensive hospital facilities. This "not enough land" argument is bogus.

The Villages will be a community of 100,000 soon and needs full service health care facilities. The population of Leesburg and close-by communities is less than that of The Villages, and we are willing to bet that the average age of residents there is a good

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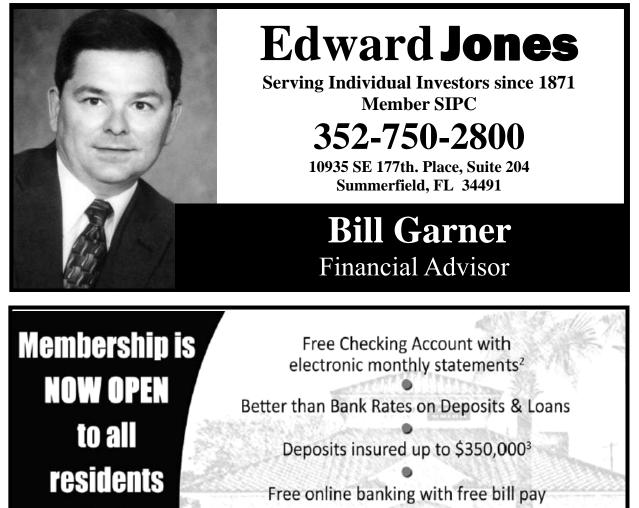
ten years younger than in The Villages. Given that, there will be many more customers in The Villages, and the cancer hospital should be located where the population centers and the customers reside.

We noticed that a representative for the planned cancer center said that the new facility would be 60,000 sq. ft and no suitable land was available in The Villages area for a facility of that size.

Thus, it is aggravating that LRMC and the Alliance have again forgotten about the facility on the east side of Hwy. 441/27, across from the Sharon Morse building, that was built by LRMC in the early 1990s as its satellite hospital in our area. That building has about 67,000 sq ft and would be ideal for the cancer center. Using that building (which is currently greatly underutilized) could bring the cancer center to operational status a full year or so earlier than would be the case in the proposed new building facility. Why not use it now for the cancer center?

Not locating the new cancer center in The Villages will be a severe limitation for our future health care. Cancer physicians are more likely to locate their services in Leesburg, not in The Villages, since most doctors prefer to practice near a full service hospital, or, in this case, an important cancer center.

Our developer has done a great job of attracting stores, restaurants, and commercial services to be used by Villages residents. We ask the developer to work with Alliance to locate a suitable cancer center property. If (Continued on page 4)



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the developer can help out farmers by providing land for cattle grazing, we suspect that he would also be able to help Central Florida Health Alliance for their building needs. If he has land on which to graze his buffalo, he has land for the cancer center.

As a final note, we have to point out that the three VHA members of the Alliance Board of Directors have not said a word about the decision to locate the cancer center away from The Villages. These VHA Board members were supposed to be independent voices who could speak out for the best interests of Villagers. Why haven't they spoken out about the need to locate the cancer center in our community? We are afraid that the VHA people are just "window dressing" for the hospital and our developer and seem to be ineffective in their roles. What a shame – they could have been a force speaking for the best interests of Villagers. Instead, they just are not as helpful as they should be.



POA Emails

We will be sending out 2010 membership renewals emails in January to the many members who have given us their email address and are up for renewal.

But, we have noticed that many of these emails sometimes do not get through to you because they are often intercepted by your spam filter and automatically discarded.

So, to avoid this, it would help us if you could add the email address, poa@poa4us.org, to your email address list. This will allow your spam filter to recognize us as "friends" and not classify us as spam. Then our email should get through to you.

Of course, if you have already renewed your membership, you would not be on our list to receive the renewal email.

But, if you have not yet renewed and we have your email address, then you should get the email by the end of January. If you don't, then something is blocking our email to you.

Bottom line: one way or another, we hope you join our growing ranks of our dedicated members who have renewed for 2010. Please do it soon; we need your help. Thanks in advance.



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AAC Marks a First Year of Great Progress For Resident Amenity Issues

One of the major accomplishments of the lawsuit settlement between the developer and POA members finalized in March, 2008, was the creation of the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC).

This moved control of amenity services from the VCCDD board which is "elected" by the commercial property owners (i.e., the developer), to a resident committee (the AAC) elected by amenity-paying resident landowners.

The first election of committee members was held among resident landowners north of CR466 in November, 2008. These elected resident committee members just finished their first year of operation.

It was obvious why there was a need for resident control. Residents often found it dif-



ficult, if not impossible, to be heard or to have some influence in decisions affecting the amenities we pay for and are entitled to because of our agreeing to pay amenity fees.

The AAC now holds a monthly public committee meeting and usually has a public workshop session each month as well. The meetings are typically long (3 hours or more), for two main reasons:

First, due to Florida Government in the Sunshine statutes, the committee members can only discuss issues with one another at the public meeting, so nothing can be agreed to ahead of time outside the public meeting.

Second, and equally as important, the Committee allows residents to participate in the agenda item discussions as well as bring up non-agenda items of concern to them during the "Audience Comments" section.

Since the AAC has discretion over all (Continued on page 6)



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non-bond required amenity funds, the Committee does a monthly review of the latest financial reports and reviews all purchasing requests and contracts for approval. Once the AAC has recommended approval, the VCCDD Board at its next meeting must enter into those contracts and disburse those funds approved by the AAC.

During the first year of its existence the AAC has covered the following topics of interest to the residents:

- Recreation Trail refurbishment and maintenance. Barring last minute issues with permitting and interlocal agreements, construction should start this summer.

More than eight - Guest ID Policy. months was spent by a resident focus group and the AAC to improve our guest ID policy. An enhanced application form was adopted with new penalties for fraudulently obtaining a guest ID and broader requirements for who must obtain a guest ID card.

- Additional scanners have been purchased to enhance ID checking at amenity facilities.

- Emphasis was placed on reviewing all contracts and this has yielded several instances of new contracts coming in significantly lower than what previous contracts called for even with substantial increases in minimum wage, gasoline and cost of living during the intervening years.



- Substantial effort was expended on reviews of the proposed budget, department by department, to assure the best possible use of amenity funds.

- The AAC caused a review of the compensating balances required at Citizens First Bank, which resulted in a significant reduction in the amount of money required on deposit at little or no interest.

- A major renovation was done at the La Hacienda Recreation Center.

- A dog park in Marion County was developed to complement the original one located in Lady Lake.

- Broad, "resident friendly" catering rules were put in place at all AAC recreation centers.



Charter School, that will benefit all parties, was established. - A pilot solar energy project is being im-

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plemented at the Chatham pool.

- The committee has an ongoing project with Community Watch to determine the appropriate policies for our gates.

- The AAC continues to monitor the IRS review of the VCCDD bonds to protect resident interests.

There were many other areas of interest and concern to individual residents and small groups, which the AAC discussed and provided a response. With a community the size of The Villages, there will always be suggestions that seem good to some residents, but

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may not be appropriate when the whole community is considered.

The point is residents now have a place to go to and not only be heard, but be listened to and their ideas and/or concerns will be discussed by the AAC.

We thank the AAC members for their hard work and best efforts to consider all the input we give them. We hope their second year will be as productive and meaningful as the first.

AAC Meeting December 9, 2009

The members of the AAC re-elected Rich Lambrecht and Carl Bell as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively, for 2010.

Old Business:

- Staff provided an analysis of the medical support groups, tracking non-resident participation for the seven month period (ending November 2009) that the exception has been in place. Six AMA recognized medical sup-



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port groups have utilized the exception. The average for all these meetings is about 3 nonresidents per meeting, with non-residents representing less than 5% of the meeting participants. The Committee decided to continue the exception for another year and review quarterly reports on participation.

- The Committee recommended approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc. to bring about deed compliance within the Lady Lake portion of The Villages.

- The AAC discussed the proposed feasi-

bility study of permanent seating in the Scarlett O'Hara Theater and reduced the preliminary study to simply determine the range of likely expense for the project. If the result of the study is favorable, the Committee will consider a complete feasibility study.

- Approval was given to an amendment to the Guest ID policy to require one year old and older guests to have Guest ID cards. Previously, the IDs were only used for ten-yearolds and above, which made it difficult for staff to determine if the younger children (Continued on page 8)



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AAC Meeting

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qualified as guests.

- Consideration of a request to provide a solution to the Wisteria Pond drainage issue was tabled pending a review by Mr. Rothbard.

- Defective bulbs in three light fixtures at the Paradise parking lot were replaced. Residents were asked to check out the result to see if that now provides sufficient lighting in the parking lot.

- The Committee recommended approval of the reciprocal use agreement with The Villages of Lake-Sumter Inc., regarding the use of the Polo Fields (owned by VLS) and the ticket booth (owned by VCCDD).

New Business:

- Staff will request "test" microphones to determine if a different type will improve sound quality for AAC meetings in the Savannah Center.

- The AAC approved a recommendation to declare single/sole source to Florida Irrigation for replacement irrigation equipment needed for the executive golf courses (only distributor in our region of the needed brand).

Staff Reports:

- Staff will remove signage near some entry gates that states "Resident Only" and replace with "Resident Entrance" signage.

- Staff attorney expressed an opinion that any changes to the Interlocal Agreement that created the AAC will require the approval in writing of the parties to the Interlocal Agreement and lawsuit.

Other:

Please go to the website (www.districtgov.org) for the official minutes, agendas and meeting schedule.

The next AAC meeting will be on Wednesday, January 6th, 1:30 p.m., at the Savannah Center.



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The POA will then receive a check for the donated proceeds periodically. In 2009 we received over \$130.00 from purchases made by residents specifying the POA as the recipient.

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Some of the on-line stores participating in this program include: Sears, JC Penny, Avon, Bass Pro Shops, BestBuy.com, Chico's, Ann Taylor, Macy's, American Eagle Outfitters, Netflix, Office Depot, Old Navy, The Golf Warehouse, Zales.com, and over 680 total retailers who participate in this program on-line.

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POA Hall of Fame Honors Palmisano and Morehouse

Two people were honored by the POA at the December membership meeting as new members of the POA Hall of Fame. Both were key leaders during the 1989-1991 controversy when the developer of The Villages was restricting access to promised recreation facilities, imposing new fees, and reneged on contractually offered incentives and benefits offered to residents.

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Vincent (Vinnie) Palmisano served the POA during this time with distinction in a variety of important capacities, eventually becoming the vice president of the POA and a member of the POA Negotiating Committee.

Vinnie was put in charge of the picketing process by POA president Eva Hawkins. A parade permit was promptly and legally obtained. Materials were purchased to support the picketing efforts from the contributions



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Much of the credit for the success of the (Continued on page 10)



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picketing belongs to Vinnie for his careful and informed organizing and his leadership under fire.

Vinnie has served the POA with courage, wisdom, and distinction. He is truly deserving of induction into the Hall of Fame of the Property Owners Association of the Villages.

The second person to be inducted into the POA Hall of fame is Dorothy Morehouse Beeney. She died earlier in 2009, so she will become a member of the POA Hall of Fame posthumously.

Dorothy served as treasurer of the POA, also during the tumultuous period, from 1988 through 1991.

When the POA membership voted to seek the services of an attorney in the legal action against the developer, almost all members came forward with cash contributions to cover the estimated costs. Dorothy managed all the funds and recorded all donations which ranged from \$4 to \$125. At the same time, she was one of the leaders in the picketing effort by the POA to restore the promised benefits that had been arbitrarily canceled by the developer.

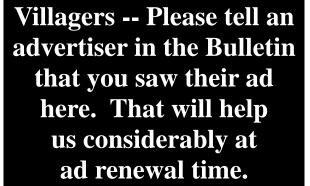
As an officer, Dorothy was one of the signers of the 1991 agreement with the developer that restored the benefits and promises that management had tried to avoid. The developer also reimbursed the POA for legal costs. Dorothy then wrote checks to all the donors to reimburse their donations. She was meticulous in keeping POA financial records and faithful to the principles and purposes of the POA.

Dorothy is richly deserving of being awarded membership into the POA Hall of Fame, and members of her family will be pleased to know just how much the POA appreciates her efforts during the crucial period from 1989 through 1991.

Please join with all of us in honoring these two POA members who went before and helped to make the POA the champion of Residents' Rights and the vibrant and active organization that it is today.



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Lightning Matters By Len Hathaway

For those of you who were not present at the November 17, 2090, POA monthly meeting, the main topic of discussion was residential lightning protection. As has been pointed out in previous articles the installation of a lighting protection system (LPS) i.e., lightning rods, it is "buyer beware" when selecting an installer.

LPS installers are not regulated in our three county area. The Study Group on Lightning suggests that if you elect to install a LPS that you consider those firms that meet the quality criteria of either the Lightning Protection Institute (LPI) and/or Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Firms listed by the aforementioned will give you greater assurance that the completed installation will be designed and installed according to the national standard on lightning.

One of the two LPI and UL listed installers known to be working in The Villages addressed the November meeting. Jeff Lewis, owner, A-1 Lightning Protection Services, Inc. of Dunnellon, discussed his credentials that includes 29 years installing LPS

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for residential, commercial, and industrial properties. Members of his staff are Certified Master Installer/Designers. His firm has installed over 1,500 residential LPS in The Villages.

Mr. Lewis displayed the hardware components of a LPS including rods, conductors, fasteners, and copper-clad steel grounding rods. He stressed the importance of a common ground that includes all utilities (electric, telephone, cable/satellite, and CSST gas lines) with the LPS to prevent potentially damaging lightning side flashes. A system installed according to the national standard includes connections to the furnace roof vent, hot water heater roof vent, clothes dryer roof vent, roof mounted gravity vents, gutters, and the aluminum fascia found on most Village homes. Not to be overlooked is the need to protect pool/birdcage enclosures and satellite dishes.

A well-protected home includes surge protection as spelled out in the national standard on lightning. Mr. Lewis pointed out the need for primary surge protection on the





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electric meter or electric panel for hardwired appliances (furnace, air conditioning, dishwasher, etc.) and secondary surge protection for electronic equipment (TVs, computers, sound systems, security systems, microwave ovens, refrigerators, irrigation systems, garage door operators, telephone answering machines and any other electronic equipment susceptible to relatively minor surges). П

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Harold Barnes

We mourn the passing of Harold Barnes, the long-time Shine advisor at our meetings. Harold was a dedicated and helpful person who never avoided an opportunity to help someone with the complexities of health insurance, Medicare, or issues like that. He was a true friend to all Villagers and we will miss him.

POA Says "Thanks" For **Membership Renewals** and Donations

We would like to say "thank you" for the tremendous response of members renewing their 2010 POA memberships and also for the many new members who joined with us as a way of supporting Residents' Rights for all Villagers. United We Stand -- this is our hometown now and we are all Villagers.

So, if you haven't yet joined with us or renewed your membership, now is a good time to fill out that Membership Form on page 15 of this Bulletin. By doing so you will be part of the only true homeowners' organization in The Villages speaking up for you and your rights in our hometown.

And, you will be helping us pay our expenses -- The Bulletin alone costs over \$65,000 annually to print and distribute.

Please also drop by one of our monthly meetings to pick up a copy of the current POA Brochure. This is a great explanation of what the POA stands for and some of our accomplishments. Thanks again. П



The POA Web Site - http://www.poa4us.org

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The Sexual Offender Database Binder

The POA now has the updated Sexual Offender Database 3-ring binder available for review at our monthly meetings.

The updated binder shows sections for The Villages (20 individuals), Lady Lake (21), Oxford (5), and Summerfield (40).

This material was taken from a website (http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/) on the internet.

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Another website shows a map of any area in the U.S. and pictures of these sexual offenders by location. This website is at: http:// www.familywatchdog.us/ and is a good interactive view of sexual offenders in our community.

If you have friends or family visiting you who may not be familiar with our area, it is important for you to review this material so that you can take any appropriate actions to advise and protect your family members.

So, come to the next POA meeting and take a moment to review the binder. \Box



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* <u>Snowbird Home Watch</u> - Watch your home while you're away. \$40.00 per month; 10% discount to POA. 352-259-1143 or www.bikinbob36@aol.com

Sonic Drive-In - Wal-Mart Shopping Center, 352-347-2860. Tuesday Nights: 5 single patty burgers for \$5 after 5 PM. Add-on at extra charge. Wednesday Nights: 1/2 price single patty burgers; 99¢ single topping sundaes. Valid at the Summerfield location only.

Southern Image Photography - 97 Del Mar Drive, Spanish Springs, 352-430-2056. 10% off the Special of the Month.

Stewart Lawn & Landscape Maintenance 352-347-3792. 20% discount to POA members.

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<u>Vic's Embers</u> - 7940 US Hwy. 441, Leesburg, 352-728-8989. Complimentary after-dinner cocktail or dessert for each person in the party. Not valid with other special offers.

<u>Villages Car Wash and Lube</u> - Bichara Blvd., La Plaza Grande Center, 352-753-1306. \$1.00 off the reg. price of silver or gold wash.

<u>Villages 24/7 Kart Aide</u> - Triple A Rescue Service for golf carts. 10% discount on yearly membership. Call 352-409-5853 for details.

Villagers Home Watch - call us at 352-753-6545. 10% discount off reg. price of \$40 for first three months of service for POA members. Village Spa and Salon –13940 Hwy 441, Ste 802, Oakland Hills Plaza, 352-205-7081. \$15 off Pedicure. Weed Getter Landscaping & Lawn Maintenance. Trim Hedges, Mulch, Planting, Etc. 10% Discount for New POA Members 352-361-2854. Wholesale Computer Components - The Terrace Shoppes of Spruce Creek, Summerfield, across from Wal-Mart, 352-245-1500. \$15.00 off on any computer repair. □

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Our Monthly Gardening Column:

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The Handsome and Elegant Cedar Waxwing

by Anne Lambrecht Master Gardener

Have you noticed the many migrating birds in the Villages? These are our fine feathered friends, not our fine seasonal Villager friends!

Cute little finches, starlings, wrens and even flocks of robins can be seen wintering in north central Florida at this time of year. One of the principals of Florida Friendly Landscaping is to attract wildlife. This could mean as little as having a plant that produces flowers or berries which provides food for insects or birds. Many of our landscapes already have hollies, a great little tree or shrub that does very well here with a big bonus: many birds just love the berries. A personal berry-eating favorite bird of mine is the handsome and sleek Cedar Waxwing. The first time I observed them in my garden was in winter. I was sitting near my East Palatka holly which was laden with berries, when a flock of maybe 20 light brown birds wearing black masks (and looking very much like a female cardinal), boiled through the tree, up and down and all around, fluttering and zooming in and out as if vacuuming the tree, devouring hundreds of the berries. Then, as a group, they rested on the top of the tree and flew off. I was absolutely awestruck. I ran in to tell the Husband and all he could do was look at my muddy shoes. Keep your eyes peeled for these birds later in the month. You will love them!

Cedar Waxwings are social birds almost always seen in flocks. They are sleek, medium sized crested birds with brownish gray feathers and a cute yellow belly. They wear sharp black face masks edged with white. Their tail is square with a distinct yellow band at the tip. Male and female differ little. Cedar Waxwings often fly in formation, the whole group turning and looping in synchronized motion. An assemblage of waxwings is called an aristocracy.

Cedar Waxwings got their name for their



strong attraction to the red cedar tree (actually a juniper) with its sweet blue fruits. The name "waxwing" comes from some waxy looking red feathers found on the ends of their secondary wings.

Their diet is about 80% fruit. As the supply of red cedars dwindled due to their value as fence posts (resistant to rot), storage chests (repellent to insects) and the main wood for pencils, waxwing diets became more varied. They typically feed near the tips of fruit bearing branches, often hanging upside down to pluck favorites such as mulberries, hollies, crabapples and hawthorn fruits which are high in sugar content. Waxwings are vulnerable to alcohol intoxication after eating fermented fruit. There are numerous records of these birds flying out of control from the effects of alcohol but no actual DUIs have been reported!!

Sometimes when waxwings are lined up on a branch, the bird nearest the fruit cluster will pass fruit to its neighbor, which in turn, may pass it on down the line. Don't you wish you could see that! Sometimes during mating they will pass a berry back and forth: "You have the berry, dear."

"Oh, no, you may have it".

"Oh, no, really, I insist"!

They are late nesters, probably because of their dietary reliance on summer-ripening fruits.

The Village Birders club really knows their birds and go to see them in the wild a couple of times each month. On February 9, 2007, they did a bird count, just in the Villages alone. From before daylight for ten hours they counted 16,097 birds--11 different species! At Tierra del Sol golf course, there were clouds of cedar waxwings: 4,847! I sure hope I am able to see some of these birds. For more information contact Barbara Gay at 751-6069.

Last month the Husband was golfing where some tree work was being done. As the cut limbs of cedar, oak and pine were being fed into a chipper, the Husband mentioned to his buds that if Anne were here, she'd have the truck follow us home so she could use those chips for mulch in her garden. Coincidentally, that same day that same tree company was chipping right down the street and I had them come on down and dump four cubic yards of their chips right on our driveway. Well, you never in your life saw a more sulky or disagreeable Husband. Cranky and whining, he hauled and I spread that mulch until we got every last chip off the driveway when at last he happily was able to go back inside and compute on his computer. You can bet he'll be crazy cranky when he finds out he's got to move some shrubs next month!

Sources: www.wild-bird-watching.com

Upcoming events:

Village Birders monthly meeting Jan 23 9:00 am Paradise Rec Center. Speaker is Norm Lanz Subject is Romance in the Life of Birds. www.VillageBirders.org

Southwest Florida Nature Festival Jan 15-17 www.rookerybay.org

Camellia Show and Sale Leu Gardens Orlando January 16-17 www.leugardens.org

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The POA Discount Partner Program

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Bravo Pizza - 1080 Lake Sumter Landing, 352-430-2394. 10% off dine in & take out (whole meal). Not valid with other discounts.

<u>Caribongo</u> - 1041 Canal St., Lake Sumter Landing, 352-750-6147. Free color changing Tote Bag (retail value \$9.99) with the purchase of \$30.00 or more. Offer not valid with any other offer or promotion. Sale items excluded. Limit one Tote per family.

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The Club Golf Cart Security System, email at yunk38@comcast.net, 352-391-5077. \$3.00 POA discount (apx. 10%) for Club Golf Cart Security device.

<u>Colonial Medical Supplies</u> - 724 S US Hwy 441, Plaza One north of Oakwood Grill, 352-391-5169. 10% item discount to the POA.

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Panda Express - 869 North Hwy. 27/441, Home Depot Plaza, 352-751-2507. 10% off, not valid with coupons or specials.

Plaza Jewelers - 16770 S. Hwy. 441, Baylee (Continued on page 13)

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