



December 2008



# CHATTERBOX



## Rob's Ramblings

**Welcome! We hope everyone had a HAPPY THANKSGIVING.**

As you are able to see we have had major tree trimming this summer. It took long hard hours and a couple or so months for maintenance to clean it all up. It has made a major improvement to our community. We are also trying to get the canal in shape so we can have boat slips. The low water is not helping.

**There seems to be a few rules we need to talk about:**

- 1) Remember when you are selling your home, you are to notify the office and the new residents **MUST** make an application and be approved through the office before a sale can be completed. (Rule 21)
- 2) We are not to park in someone else's driveway without permission from the homeowner and a copy of the permission must be in the office. (Rule 8)
- 3) It is time, upon arrival, for the roofs and homes to be cleaned. They should be cleaned before you leave. (Rule 20)
- 4) Overnight guests **MUST** be registered at the community office upon arrival. (Rule 4)
- 5) Rents are due the 1<sup>st</sup> 5 days of the month. (Rule 6)
- 6) You must have written permission from the community management prior to obtaining a cat. (Rule 2a)
- 7) If you have any questions or grievances please put them in writing.

The reason for my mentioning the above is because we seem to have had a few problems in the past months regarding most of them.

**New water and sewer base rates and usage rates that went into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 from the City of Tavares.**

Effective immediately, the following rates and charges will be implemented on each homeowner's individual billing (these rates are based in 1.5" meter, non-single family, inside city parameters):

- 1) Increase the monthly water base rate (WBA) for each homeowner to \$0.50. The monthly base rate increased to \$66.05, so for each homeowner, their pro rata share of the water base rate is \$0.52 (\$66.05/126 lots=\$0.52)
- 2) Increase the water usage rate per 1000 gallons to \$3.15.
- 3) Increase the monthly sewer base rate (SBA) to \$0.64 (rounded down). The monthly base rate increased to \$80.79, so for each homeowner, their pro rata share of the SBA is \$0.64 (\$80.79/126 lots=\$0.64).
- 4) Increase the sewer usage rate per 1000 gallons to \$2.73

**In closing we wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

## Thank You

Many thanks to the "Anonymous Donor" who left a new large size coffee maker on the counter in the recreation hall during the summer. It was badly needed and much appreciated. Both of the large coffee makers for use in the recreation hall were broken. Thanks again!

## Trash Tips: City of Tavares

- Tree limbs and large items for disposal (BULK - furniture, appliances, etc.) are picked up once a week and should be placed away from any obstructions.
- Please leave a **minimum** of 3 ft on all sides of your blue cart (this helps the drivers).
- Please Recycle! It costs you nothing, but saves you plenty by keeping disposal expenses down. It will also give you extra space in your blue cart that you might need for other refuse.

## Bettie's Corner

\* WELCOME to all of you that have come in from the north and to our faithful "year-rounders".

\* A lot has changed since some of you left us last year. We had a real "fun" summer with the entire tree trimming. Our maintenance crew worked many hard hours cleaning all the debris.

\* You will see in a different section all the new residents and their locations. If I missed anyone please advise the office.

\* We would like to encourage you to decorate your homes for the Christmas season. Our community will be judged by the City of Tavares for the canal and other decorations. The maintenance dept. will be doing their part and we hope you will help make ours a delightful setting.

\* In another section you will find "Trash Tips: from the City of Tavares". We do not recycle in this community but we have cans set up at the shop for aluminum cans and would appreciate your help recycling at lease the cans.

\* There is a "flea market" especially for fruits and vegetables on Tuesday from 8am to noon at Wooton Park in downtown Tavares.

\* Just a reminder, if you are planning to have a pet cat/kitten in your home, to read the rules so that you will be in compliance. This is very important.

\* Just a note to say "thank you" for all your nice cards, notes, and calls of concern during the summer. It is always uplifting to hear from you.

In closing: Happiness keeps you SWEET,

Trials keep you STRONG,

Sorrows keep you HUMAN,

Failures keep you HUMBLE,

Success keeps you GLOWING,

But only God keeps you GOING!

# Bob's Maintenance Blurbs

**Greetings to everyone & Happy Holidays!** As you may have noticed, we've done some severe tree trimming. It took 4 of us 6 hours a day, 5 days a week from Aug. to Oct. 15 to clean up the mess. Here are a few reminders (and info for new residents):

– If you can recall, we established a **leaf pick-up schedule** back in March. This is still in effect. Your effort to keep your yard clean is very much appreciated and with your minimal cooperation this system can work for the general appearance of the community and with the least inconvenience to residents.

**Tues & Thurs** – streets vacuumed (weather permitting)

**Tuesday or Wednesday before 9am** – Please rake your leaves into a pile in your yard not on the street. Place your blue trash can next to the pile.

**Wednesday** – We will gladly pick them up for you between 9–10am.

– **Storage:** Please see me for any storage parking. I will be happy to help you in.

– **Cigarette's:** If you smoke outside, know where the butt containers are and use them. We are finding them everywhere on the grounds! This needs to stop.

– **Home Cleaning:** All homes should be cleaned by the first of the year and again before you leave to go back up north. The exterior and leaves or debris on roofs need to be cleaned. Check in the office for pricing information if you are incapable of doing this yourself. Also, if you want to make ANY changes or additions to your home or lot, I must be notified BEFORE you do it. This is in case there is a reason that you are unaware of that it shouldn't or can't be done. No reasonable requests will be denied.

– **Satellite Dishes:** It is required that you mount your satellite dishes on your home (roof or side) or if on a pole, no more than 18 inches from and secured to your home.

– **Christmas Lights:** On or about Dec. 1 we will start setting up our Christmas light display. We are entered in the light contest this year so if anyone has the time and desire, we could sure use your help as we want to add more lights this year. **From all the maintenance crew, we wish you a**

**Merry Christmas!**



# From the Activities President

It's very nice to be back home for the season. We were held up some by illnesses and an 18 to 20 inch snow storm the night before we planned on leaving. So goes life in the north, we should be accustomed to it by now.

We were welcomed back by our friends who live in our fine park as well as the seasonal families when we got here. We are now welcoming the seasonal families who are getting back now.

Last May we learned that the two large coffee pots were not working and not repairable by our Mr. Fixit who lives in the park (thank you for trying).

It was a pleasant surprise to find out an anonymous donor had donated one and left it in the clubhouse for us. Thank you very much from the committee and the residents as it makes fine coffee.

On Saturday mornings we meet for coffee with our friends at 9am. We all would like to extend an invitation to our newest residents of the park. We have fun and donuts for about 30 to 40 minutes. Just bring your own cup and \$1.50. You will enjoy yourself.

Bulletin boards are updated every week in the park, located by the laundry room and in front of the clubhouse and lists the activities for the week. All are invited and encouraged to attend these activities.

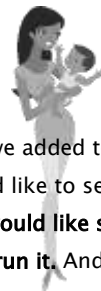
– Chuck Newman –



## New Residents & Address Changes

Ed & Carolyn Penley 1 Edgewater Dr.	Marlin & Brenda McCutchen 67 Eustis Ave.	Raymond Whitehall 66 Eustis Ave.
Dennis Ormsby 27 Lake Ave.	Charles & Linda Shores 81 Eustis Ave.	Joseph Jasinski 131 Park Dr.
Richard & Darlene Glass 42 Lake Ave.	Linda Drexel 84 Eustis Ave.	Frank Lemine 65 Eustis Ave.
Ward & Ming Seeley 47 Dora Dr.	Tim & Gary DePetro 88 Griffin Ave.	Donna Dancer 124 Park Dr.
Barbara Adubato 55 Dora Dr.	John & Darlene Morgan 121 Park Dr.	Mary Branham 64 Eustis Ave.
Dwayne & Katie Lammers 63 Eustis Ave.	Leonard Mierzejewski 122 Park Dr.	

# From the Editor



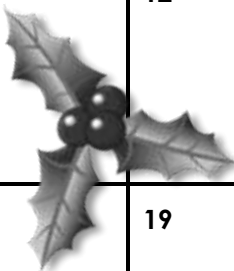


Well while most of you were still up North, on 9/20/08 we added to our family. My daughter Cassandra was born. Most of you have come into the office and noticed her. Please feel free to stop by if you'd like to see her! If I missed anyone's birthday or anniversary on the calendar, I am sorry. I only have your applications in your file to go by. **If you would like something printed in the Chatterbox, it needs to be turned into me, in the office, no later than noon on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month we run it.** And now a little something that might brighten your day:

### Cremate Me

A businessman on his deathbed called his friend and said, "Bill, I want you to promise me that when I die you will have my remains cremated." "And what," his friend asked, "do you want me to do with your ashes?" The businessman said, "Just put them in an envelope and mail them to the Internal Revenue Service and write on the envelope, "Now you have everything."



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Cy Stephens <b>Anniversary:</b> Steve & Louise Dyer	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Bob Mahoney <b>Ladies Luncheon</b> <b>12pm: Virgie &amp;</b> <b>Dorothy</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Birthday:</b> William Thomas	<b>5</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> Ray Cosler Isabel Luther	<b>6</b> <b>Coffee – 9am</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Vespers 6pm</b> <b>Mike McClary</b>  <b>Pearl Harbor Day</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Ed Keiter <b>Board Meeting</b> <b>7pm</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Christmas Party</b> <b>Hostess: Ming</b> <b>Seeley</b>	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Leonard Mierzejewski <b>Coffee – 9am</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Lucy Martin <b>Vespers 6pm</b> <b>Everett Marcum</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Helen Pinard <b>Vegetable Soup</b> <b>Lunch: Hostess,</b> <b>Jean Goodlander</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Coffee – 9am</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> Gary DePetro Esther DePedro <b>Vespers 6pm</b> <b>Bettie &amp; Jack</b>	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Ken Smith <b>Anniversary:</b> Walt & Evie Havner	<b>25</b> <b>Special Christmas</b> <b>Dinner – 1pm –</b> <b>Hostess: Carol</b> <b>Smith</b> <b>*CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Roger Pidcock	<b>27</b> <b>Coffee – 9am</b>
<b>28</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Don Plymire <b>Vespers 6pm</b> <b>Mary Ann Burton</b>	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b>  <b>New Year's Eve&gt;&gt;</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Florence Ciago <b>Anniversary:</b> Jack & Peggy Hoebeke	<b>Monday's @ 9am</b> Shuffleboard <b>Tuesday's @ 7pm</b> Bingo <b>Wed.'s @ 7pm</b> Hand&Foot Card	<b>Thursday's @ 9am</b> Shuffleboard <b>Thursday's @ 7pm</b> Euchre <b>Friday's @ 1p&amp;7p</b> Crafts	Lunches: \$4 Dinners: \$5  