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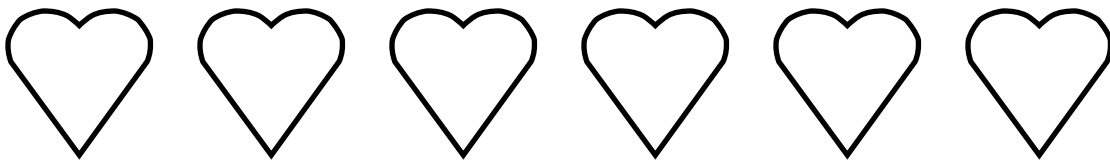
February Monthly Meeting & Valentine's POTLUCK!

Wednesday, February 4th, 5 to 7pm

John Sheldon's yard
650 Cedar Street

The Village Association will provide wine, beer and sparkling water. This is the Village Valentine's Day party. So, if inclined, please bring your favorite themed appetizer to share. Cheers!!

We will begin with an Association update on Village happenings; reports from special interest groups; a brief Art Center update from Jane Buckman; a brief Whitney Plaza update from Andrew Hlywa; and then share Valentine's



January's Meeting Book Swap

Thank you to everyone who brought books to our first annual book swap. People perused and books changed hands in a hurry, a perfect start to the winter reading season! The remaining books were donated to a library book sale.

Village Association Membership
2009 Dues \$15 Individual; \$25 Family
One of the few expenses not to rise in 2009!

Why Belong to the Village Association?

1. When we speak in one voice we are heard in Town Hall. (This was made evident last year when a group went to ask that the Town honor the peacock law on the books and pay to remove our feathered friends.)
2. Keep informed on matters that concern us. (See information below on north end cell towers.)
3. Meet your neighbor. Make a new friend. (That new neighbor has been wanting a kayaking buddy or someone with whom to go to free Mondays at the Ringling Art Museum.)

Please bring your neighbors and friends to Association events. The more we can grow the Village in diversity of interests, talents, and fun the more enriched we all are!

Neighbor to Neighbor

Congratulations to Ginny Mazza for landing a job teaching third grade in Daytona!

Best wishes to Dale and Dawn Hauser, celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary!

Welcome back to Teri Noyes and Al Clarizia from their voyage in South America; to Sharon Oper from her jaunt to Tunis; to Fred and Liz Reidinger from their cruise in the Caribbean.

Bon voyage to Susan Slocum and Eric Jensen as they depart to Warsaw to teach English.

Longboat Historical Society

The Society has moved to the Whitney Beach Shopping Plaza. Stop in to see this gem of a museum, small but packed with memorabilia about Longbeach Village and the island.

Hours: Weekdays noon to 2PM

It is also open in the morning during the Flea Market on the first Saturday of the month.

The Museum is free and open to the public.

The Historical Society presents speakers on the third Thursday of each month, locations vary.

Volunteers are welcome, please contact Shirley Beachum

Town Elections

Gene Jaleski, who has lived in the village since 1985, is running for the at large seat on the town commission. Gene has two web sites where residents can find out about how Gene feels about many island issues.

<http://www.lbksite.com>

<http://www.lbkbeaches.com>

Speaking of Politics

Cell phone towers

All those who do not want two or more 150 foot white cell towers at the north end of the island might want to attend the next Commission meeting:

Monday, February 2nd at Town Hall near Publix at 7 PM.

It is a chance to have your view heard by the commissioners.

If you get acceptable cell service, now is the chance to let the commissioners know.

email the mayor at
hlenobel@longboatkey.org

Village Membership Database HELP!

We get quite a few emails bouncing back to us as undeliverable.....if you have NOT been receiving the newsletter by email, and you have an email address, PLEASE email Joan Spalding at jspalding@som.umass.edu so she can update our database. We do not want you to miss important Village happenings!

Upcoming Events

March 4th LBVA Meeting

We are hoping to have Gene Jaleski and Randy Clair, the two candidates who are running for Town Commissioner, say a few words about their platforms.

Additionally, if the Association has an appropriate space there will be a speaker on Florida landscaping with indigenous plants.

50/50 Raffle

We have been able to maintain membership dues at the 2008 level because of prior fundraising events. At our next meeting, we will hold a 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be sold with 50% of the proceeds going to the winner and 50% to the Association.

Remember to bring an extra few dollars to the February 4th meeting to buy tickets.

Village Garage Sale

We are hoping to hold a Village-wide garage sale. This is a wonderful opportunity to recycle into someone else's home or garage!

A CHAIR for this event is needed!

Are you that person who is just itching to organize a group of independent-minded Villagers. Don't worry - you will receive much assistance. We need you!

Activities Update:

Monday Morning Painters: Come join the village painters! Any member of the Village Association is welcome to come paint. This informal group meets in various locations in the Village on Monday mornings at 10. There is no instruction, just a lot of fun. All levels of artists feel comfortable. Please call Penny Pollock at 387-0004 for next week's location.

Historical Fiction Book

The February 23rd meeting will be at 7pm at 731 Russell Street. We are discussing *In the Company of the Courtesan* by Sarah Dunant AND *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky. If you don't have time to read it, just read reviews on-line and come join our discussion.

We welcome people who haven't read it, who would like to sit in on the discussion. Maybe people from the French Conversational group would want to read *Suite Francaise* in French and join our group. Cross-interest synergy!

The next two books will be *Queen's Fool* by Philippa Gregory and *Innocent Traitor* by Allison Weir. Meeting will be on March 23 at Pam Coleman's, 7094 Longboat Dr. East. For further information call Teri Noyes at 508-280-3355 or Mary Mazza at 383-2982.

Yoga For All Levels

Wishing you were more flexible? Come and join Yoga for All Levels with Pat Crawford and Phoebe Shaw 5pm Wednesdays at 6551 Bayou Hammock Rd. Mats aren't necessary. Come give it a try and have some fun! For more information contact Phoebe Shaw at 383-7967.

Conversational French with Chantal Diem.

Saturday afternoons at 3pm. Call Chantal for more information, 383-9083.

We welcome other interest groups as well.

Field trip group? Those interested in exploring the many interesting sites and sights around the area. E.g., a trip to see the Lipizzaner horses train, free on Thursdays.

Kayaking group? Our kayaking group has fallen on hard times recently. Any interest in reigniting it?

Other ideas? Give all ideas to any of our board members or email them to Joan at jspalding@som.umass.edu or drop a note on her door at 600 Broadway.