



Sunshine Village

Countryside Early-Retirement Active Resort Community

www.SunshineVillageFlorida.com

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

December 2013

Welcome!

Rob Smith, Owner

I'm delighted to have this opportunity to welcome you to our community newsletter.

I'm pleased to hear from Anita and Carol, the ladies you see in the office, as they share with me about the arrival of you who are now making Sunshine Village your 'Home Away From Home.' They're enjoying seeing so many familiar faces returning and are always excited to get acquainted with those who are newcomers to Sunshine Village.

4 Homes

As many of you have noticed over the years, we're in the midst of an ongoing effort to make improvements to our resort. Surely you've seen the arrivals of our four newest projects. Those who have been with us awhile may recall when we renovated the structures on Lot #59 and what's now our Welcome Center or office. Over the coming weeks, the construction crews and grounds crews, led by Al and Mike, will be transforming these homes in amazing ways.

The work crews ask that you let them perform their duties when they're working. Please, when you're out and about and see them, just pass along a friendly nod and know their time must be spent diligently working on these large renovation projects.

Files and Files

We're in the process of performing a review of all the information in our files. It's quite a task! If we get in touch with you regarding your file, please don't panic. We're merely making every effort to ensure each file is accurate, complete, and up-to-date.

Your Input

If you see something that's needing the attention of our work crews or grounds crews, please head to the office and we will fill in a Work Request form. Our team will then review, evaluate, and prioritize these.

Online

We're trying to keep up with the ever-developing technology world we live in. If you're doing the same, we invite you to tag along with us!

Remember those four homes we're rebuilding? We plan to snap pictures capturing the before, during and after stages. We'll make a bit of a journal in our blog.

If you haven't seen our blog, we invite you to follow along: www.SunshineVillageFlorida.wordpress.com. We don't have much content yet, but in due time we'll be adding to it.



Our Facebook page has seen a steady increase in followers, and we hope you're among them. This page is used to let the world know about us, our activities, and our lifestyle. You'll find us at www.Facebook.com/SunshineVillage. We invite you to check out the page. Of course, we also hope you will "like" the page and follow along!

Two other sites have been added:

Flickr: www.Flickr.com/photos/SunshineVillageFlorida
and Pinterest: www.Pinterest.com/SunshineResort/pins

While we're talking about online sites, our new website will launch in early December. The address remains www.SunshineVillageFlorida.com.

This is merely a drop in the bucket of all we're doing, but it's all we have room for on this page.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 noon

We're a small business and occasionally the office workers have to assist elsewhere. We ask for your patience during such moments. If you find the office door locked during regular business hours, the phone number is posted so you can locate Anita or Carol.

Umbrellas At The Pool

Please help protect the property. When you're finished using an umbrella at the pool, please fold it back down again when you leave the area.

Mail Delivery

For those who receive your mail in Sunshine Hall, rather than at your own mailbox, we now have an indicator in the front window to alert you to the status of the delivery.

Green Smiley = Mail Is Ready
Red Frown = Mail Hasn't Arrived

Your mail is sorted by lot number, so please be sure your site number, including the R or T, is on the address you supply to all of your family, friends, billing companies, and so forth.

FedEx and UPS deliver packages right to your door, so don't forget to ensure your lot number is also on all those packages you may be expecting.

Events Calendar

The residents put together a monthly activities calendar. It's in the Sunshine Hall, as are sign-up sheets for some of the upcoming events and activities!

Please note the **Ice Cream Socials** are now on **Friday** nights, and **Bingo** is now **Thursday** night.

Activities



We had a nice turn-out for honor a number of veterans right here in Sunshine Village. A special *Thank You* goes to the anonymous person who bought dinners for all of our Veterans!

Our first **Breakfast** was well attended and was quite yummy.



Last week's **Thanksgiving Dinner** was definitely a feast! It was enjoyed by all and, oh my, we have so much to be thankful for!



Plans are in the works for a busy December, with a **Potluck Dinner**, our famous **Cake Auction** (where proceeds benefit our annual **Christmas Party for the Kids**). Locally, there's the **Webster Christmas Parade**, and of course the beautiful display of the **season's lights**.

We couldn't do such things without the multitude of volunteers who arrange and manage these events for all of us to enjoy! *Thank you* for all you do to make things so pleasant for everybody!

Survey Says ...

We would like to know if you found this newsletter to be helpful, and would like to see more of them.

Would you rather receive it electronically, through email? In today's electronic world, it certainly is faster and easier to distribute this through email, so please let us know your thoughts. Feel free to fill in this survey and return it to the office so we can evaluate how best to proceed.

Why not just email your preference? Because we want to hear from everybody, and until we're sure if everybody wants it electronic we're better off using paper. So here goes:

Did you enjoy this newsletter? Yes No

Would you like to see one of these 6 times year? Yes No

Would you prefer we email you future editions (in PDF format)? Yes No

If yes, what email address would you like us to use if we go with e-newsletters?

Wrapping It Up

This newsletter is merely the tip of the iceberg in regard to the improvements we have in the works. It's an exciting time for all of us, and I'm so pleased you're a part of it all.

As always, I encourage you to jot down your ideas and pass them to the office. They really do find their way to me!

And finally, I have a request of *you!* If you hear from others at the resort who aren't sure of something, who maybe don't understand something, maybe they've misunderstood something or overlooked a policy or don't understand why things are the way they are, please be a part of the solution. Reach out to them in a number of positive ways. Lead them to the office so facilitators or maintenance crews can be of assistance to them. Reassure them. Solutions are stress reducers, and the world can use a lot less stress.

Thank you for being a part of Sunshine Village. It's my pleasure to have you with us!

Rob Smith (owner)

