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## BULLETIN

# Owners'

Property

## **Association of The Villages**

#### Vol. II No. XI

#### Presidents Thoughts

As we have stated many, many times the main objective of the Property Owners' Association is to protect the residents interests and to assist them as much as we can.

Last month we started a petition campaign which will be submitted to the Florida State legislators asking them to amend State Statute #190 so as to give residents more protection and some voice in governing the Community Developments they live under.

Our petition is going very well. However, we are disappointed that our invitation for the VHA to join us has been completely ignored. It is a splendid opportunity for them to join a major effort to make living conditions better for residents of Florida. Included in this Bulletin is another petition form for whomever wishes to sign.

This month, we are including another survey for our POA members to fill out. This survey is the initial attempt to put together a directory of service vendors. We would like to operate this somewhat like a Better Business Bureau. Members may call and ask about a certain vendor. Our Directory manager will simply state wether or not we have any user comments. For example. An answer to an inquiry regarding a certain vendor could be: "Our records show three people used them and were satisfied unsatisfied - extremely please - etc. We will make no recommendations.

Please return the survey to POA Box at the Paradise Center - mail to POA, Box 1657, Lady Lake - or turn it in at the next meeting.

Until next month,

- Joe Gottfried

#### **GIFT ????**

I believe that I have made this statement before "Beware of the Developer Bearing gifts"

Yes, it is true, the Developer did donate \$1 million to build the Town Square. **BUT**, the Villages of Lake/Sumter sold this property to the VCCDD for \$1 million in May of 1994

This fact can be very easily verified. Simply go to the county tax appraiser's office and check the official records. HAPPY

MOTHERS

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#### **I REMEMBER MAMA**

When we were children our Mother used to take us to every parade that came to town - Charles A. Lindberg - Richard E. Byrd -Amelia Earhart - Fourth of July - Anniversary Day. There were also trips to the theater (remember a movie and vaudeville?) - the legitimate theater matinees - the circus under the tent - in the summer trips to Coney Island, Luna Park, Brighton Beach, Sheepshead Bay (to ride the merry-go-round. There was always music.

In my early years we lived in a mixed neighborhood - Italian - Irish - Black -German. So we had a pretty broad background. I was half grown before I found out 'Come Back to Sorrento'', 'Danny Boy', and 'Mother Machree' weren't national anthems.

It was off to church, come rain, sleet, hale, or snow. All that good cooking my Mom would do. Mom could make the best cakes, pies, and bread, plus some of the greatest concoctions.

> Ah! Those were the days. Thanks Mom. S.A. Woollard

#### SOMEBODY CARES

The P.O.A. has always been concerned about the welfare of our residents So, may we take this opportunity to express to any one who has been ill, a speedy recovery, and to those who have lost loved ones, our deepest sympathy.

#### **IT'S YOUR MONEY**

About two years ago, LRMC put in a golf cart trail to its medical facilities on Rt. 27/441 so that the Villages' residents could safely use their golf carts to get to their medical facilities.

At a recent CDD#1 Supervisors meeting, the issue of CDD#1 putting in a golf cart trail from Morse Blvd. to the Commercial area (Wellness Center, doctors offices, etc) on ElCamino Real was introduced. The decision to do so was passed by the vote of 4 to 1. I was the only NO.

My objection to this proposal is that LRMC paid for the golf path to its facility, therefore, I firmly believe the businesses should pay for this path to the commercial facility. If a safety issue is involved, it is definitely the businesses responsibility.

CDD#1's former board (of which two members are on the present board) acquiesced to the Developer to provide \$200,000 for a tunnel under ElCamino Real to his commercial area. CDD District #1 and #2 built all the roads leading to this commercial area. It is my opinion that these business should start to pay their fair share.

Since 1995 many safety issues have come up. One example is the gates at both ends of Morse Blvd. The VHA pushed very hard for these gates. They provide very little safety for the residents. But, it allows the Developer to advertise as a "gated community". CDD#1 ended up paying \$18,642 for this whim and everyone from all over the area uses them.

I find it very strange that safety features were not considered in the Developer's overall development plans. After all, this community is supposed to be a "long term, planned, well defined community".

I also find it very strange that certain individuals, ie, VHA, CIC, Safety Committee, keep coming back to the "golden goose". I think it is time that residents of all the CDD's wake up to the facts.

My campaign slogan was to represent the residents of CDD#1. I will continue to act in their best interests. I will continue to vote NO on proposals that do not benefit the residents.

- Russell G. Day Supervisor CDD#1



MAY 1999

#### **NEW VILLAGE RESIDENTS**

My husband Tom Poss and I purchased a resale home in the Villages in October. As newcomers to the area, at times we find ourselves going in circles. After finally finding our way out of the maze of boxes and the endless task of cleaning we were ready to do what we had moved across the country for: have fun. We were eager to enjoy the warm sun, meet new people and take part in the activities and functions offered in this wonderful new town.

Moving from a rural Wisconsin town, we were unsure of where to start. We started to explore the area via every means possible. The neighbors were all very friendly, stopping by to say hello. It was refreshing, until now our closest neighbors were what we called berry pickers, a version of your snowbird.

There are down sides to buying a resale, not in what you are buying or the area that you are buying into, but trying to find your way around and find out what comes with your maintenance fees and what you must pay for extra. The hardest is just trying to find out where everything is. It seems that if you do not play golf, it is a little harder to make new acquaintances. Even if you wanted to learn how to play the game you still have to find out where to go to do so and what golf courses you can use with your amenity fees and which you can not, the same goes for the swimming pools.

The newcomers who send or call here for information on buying new have the advantages. Most get picked up from the airport and have a place to stay in the Villages owned hotel. The new home buyers are taken on tours of the area and shown around while being able to partake in the activities as guests. The buyer who buys a resale has to find all these things out on their own.

It would be nice if other than the newcomers breakfast, if there were some way that the new owners of resales could be taken on a tour of the complex. Perhaps some type of a tour could be worked out on a periodic basis. — Charlotte Poss

Silver Lake



#### SERVICE PERFORMANCE DIRECTORY

The POA would like to prepare a Directory of service providers that POA members can check before contracting for work to be done on their homes or use of professional services.

This directory service will be operated somewhat like the Better Business Bureau. We will not recommend any particular vendor. We will simply give you whatever information we have on your inquiry.

The following information is needed to compile this directory. We would appreciate it if you would answer the following and return it to the POA as soon as possible. Use the Comments line to indicate your satisfaction with the provider or any additional comments you wish to make.

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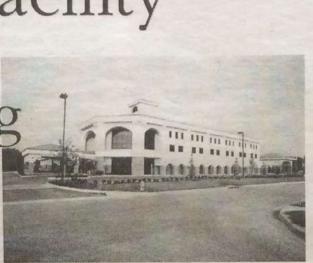
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#### REQUIEM OF A BUYER OF ORANGE BLOSSOM GARDENS

The ad reads like a dream. "Free golf for the rest of your life. A community that is small and friendly."

On the way to Bradenton, FL, in 1987, we stopped at a small community called Orange Blossom Gardens. We bought a lot. I asked a question about a line in the contract. How much are these closing costs? They said about \$200. How big will the Gardens be? They said about 3,500 people. We bought and we were VIPs.

In June, we came to close and move in. Surprise! Suprise! That fee that was supposed to be \$200 had grown to \$1,000+.

We asked for our down-payment back. NO, NO! NO! If you don't close you loose your money.

The recreational facilities were free. HA, Ha, HA!!! Time passes - a trail fee is added, activities had charges, and across the road they grew.

Then, they said no more Orange Blossom Gardens. We're going to be the Villages - and never asked the residents.

They then changed 'maintenance' fee to 'amenity' fee and made it grow in cost. The roads were turned over to Lady Lake, but, we were paying for roads in our maintenance fees, and they were never reduced. They then formed the VCCDD and sold them the amenities. They hired a Director and paid him six figures. They floated bonds to pay for amenities that had been promised by the Developer. They floated bonds, and I pay for them with my amenity money, and deeper and deeper in debt we go.

Oh, what happened to Orange Blossom Gardens? I bought into a community that was to be no larger than 3,500 and the cost of living would be no more than \$600 a month to live here.

Oh, buyer!! Beware!! You don't know what you are getting into!!

Charles M. Harvey

#### APOLOGY

Profound and sincere apologies to all our Jewish members, friends, and residents for neglecting to wish you all a "Happy Passover" in our last bulletin I can offer no excuse other than, I didn't remember your very significant and holy holiday and I am sorry. Please accept our belated "Happy Passover". - Carol

#### THINGS TO BRING YOU JOY

When Pearl and Jerry go on a trip or visit relatives, they leave their precious black poodle with me. Jerry brings over his own special occasional chair to make him feel at home.

Joey is such a sweet house guest that 1 hate to see him go. Sooo, for some people like me, it doesn't take much to bring them joy -S A Woollard

#### **HOUSES FOR SALE??!!!**

Have you driven around the Villages lately? Construction of houses in the boondocks of Sumter County is in full swing. When I say boondocks I mean boondocks. It is going to take the residents a good half hour to drive to the square and markets! But, I understand they are telling the new buyers about all the amenities and shops that they will have!!! New buyers should be very suspicious of the promises of the Developer. His reputation isn't too good in that respect.

I understand that there are over 400 houses for sale - both sides of the Villages. Why?? Owners of some of these houses have been here only a very short time. For example, on Carrera Drive in Della Vista East, there are ten houses for sale on that one street. That street has only been in existence for about three years.

Do you think people are finally beginning to realize what is going on here? Do you think they are getting disgusted and don't want to spend their golden years fighting city hall?

But, to the people who are mad at being lied to, deceived, disgusted with all the politics, and don't want to move (they like it here) and want to do something, join the POA. We are, at least, trying to protect the rights of the residents.

#### - Carol Kope

#### DOGGIE DOES, DOGGIES DOO! By Fred E. Schnaars

'Tho I am no reporter

I've got a worthwhile scoop But this one is the kind you use to pick up Fido's poop.

I use this thing religiously and feel it is a shame There are so many residents who will not do the same

It doesn't help your neighbor's lawn and looks bad on the street Nor does it make on happy to feel it 'neath your feet.

Most owners are considerate and yet there's the exception You know the type, the ugly ones

who care not what you've stepped in.

The beauty of our Villages rests largely on what <u>YOU</u> do So when you walk your precious pet please, please pick up it's doodoo!

#### WHERE DID THE WATER GO?

The people who live on Lake El Lago Del Sol would like to know where the water has gone? Where? Back yard for the people on Palo Alto Ave and Camino Del Rey in Sumter County District #1. There seems to be a hole somewhere in their lake and no one cares. Don't worry, folks, it will rain soon and it will fill up again.

#### HOSPITAL - EMERGENCY ROOM

In the Daily Sun newspaper of 4/20/99, an article states that the Villages Hospital "will have the only Emergency Room between Ocala and Leesburg". HOLD EVERYTHING!!

Why should we residents wait for Emergency Care. LRMC is prepared <u>now</u> to provide this at their new facility adjoining the Villages near the Boone Gate.

LRMC would already have an ER in operation if the Lobbyists for the Villages had not caused a delay, attempting to build and operate their own facility. Why should we have to wait for the Villages? What to do??

E-Mail Representative Everett Kelly at bass.gale@leg.state.fl.us or call his office at 352-742-6116 and Senator Anna Cowan at cowin.anna.web@leg.state.fl.us or phone at 352-315-9335.

Tell them that we do not want to wait for ER services.



HOUSEHOLD TIPS

BUG SPRAY - An inexpensive and easy to make home spray that is extremely effective for aphids and similar pests. Soak a handful of pipe tobacco or a

cigar in a quart or two of water. After several days remove the tobacco products and dilute the remaining solution to the color of weak tea. To each gallon of spray produced add two teaspoons of a mild detergent before treating plant. Spray is toxic and normal precautions should be taken to avoid contact with the spray.

CLEANING OUT DRAINS - Rather than buying a commercial cleaner, flush out the drain by pouring in a half cup of baking soda and two ounces of vinegar. Let the mixture sit for a few minutes then pour in boiling water.

#### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1999 POA DUES

#### THE MEDICINE CHEST NOW WITH 2 LOCATIONS LADY LAKE PLAZA 753-1877

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OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT

FORREST R. JERKINS, D.D.S., P \*...

Did you read the 4/11/99 Sunday issue of the Lake Sentinel? WOW!! If not, ask someone who still has a copy to let you read it.

#### **BEGINNING OF THE END?**

Until now, the Villages Developer has had their own way. They have used a poorly written Legislative Act, Florida Statute 190 to create tax-free, quasi-governments, called Community Development Districts (CDD's).

These CDD's are managed by Directors chosen by the Developer and used to issue bonds to purchase property from the Developer at prices set by him. You, the Residents, who are paying the bonds with your amenity fees, have no say in the management.

However, there has been a belated idea by the Lake County Tax Collector, that perhaps the County should not give up this tax base. Perhaps it is taxable. WOW!!

Then, there is a Petition being circulated by the P.O.A. requesting that our elected Officials change the wording of Statute 190 to make it more applicable to the Residents needs. PLEASE! Read and consider signing this petition. Copies are available from all P.O.A. officers and on the bottom of this page.

Take charge of your own destiny. - Winn Shook

Mail to

Box 1657

ady Lake, FL 32158

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#### WE GOT A WINNER!

At our April 21 meeting, we finally drew a winner for our free door prize. Joseph and Helen Murray went home from the meeting with \$100 in cash (compliments of \$50 from Invincible Roofing and \$50 from Consumer Energy Savers), a free A/C call (compliments of Village service A/Heating Co.), two POA tee shirts and a bottle of wine (complements of POA).

CONGRATULATIONS Joe and Helen. They are paid 1999 members and were present at the meeting. That's the only requirement to be eligible for our door prizes.

Be at our next meeting - you could be the winner of our next door prize of \$100 cash, a free A/C service, 2 POA tee shirts

#### WHY SHOULD I JOIN THE POA?

If nobody watches what is going on here, you will be short-changed at the end. So be part of the findings and be part of the solution of the problem or you will be behind the eight ball in a few years. If you say, let George do it, and George lets you down, who do you blame, George or yourself?

What are you doing on the third Wednesday at 7:00 PM of each month? Come out of the house and get your blood pressure up a few numbers - come to a POA meeting. You must have something on your mind that you would like to discuss. You may also have a chance to win cash and other goodies.

#### EVERETT KELLY

One of our members wrote a letter to Everett Kelly about his concerns of what is happening here in the Villages under Florida State Statute #190. He and others are expressing some concern that we are being ripped off by the Villages Developer and the VCCDD

This is part of Mr. Kelley's answer, "All of the bond issues which have been issued by the CDD in the Villages have had their value established by an independent outside party. Fishkind and Associates, out of Orlando, assist in establishing the value of the recreational revenue bonds". (I'm surprised at his attempt to answer. He usually says, 'if you don't like it here, move'.)

The following is part of Fishkind and Associates report from their report of November 1997. "For the best interest of the district and its residents, we (Fishkind and Associates) are using the 'Income Approach To Value'. The VCCDD budget is 5-1/2 million dollars for operating expenditures so that leaves 5-1/2 million dollars per year for payment of bonds. The difference between what you are paying now out of the 5-1/2 million dollars for bonds can allow you to have an additional 33 million dollar bond."

Boy, what a fair appraisal. 7-1/2 million dollars worth of property for 33 million dollars. - Joe Gottfried

Drop in POA Box at

Paradise Rec Cente

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#### **PETITION TO AMEND CHAPTER #190**

Amendments needed to Florida Statute 190 SUBJECT:

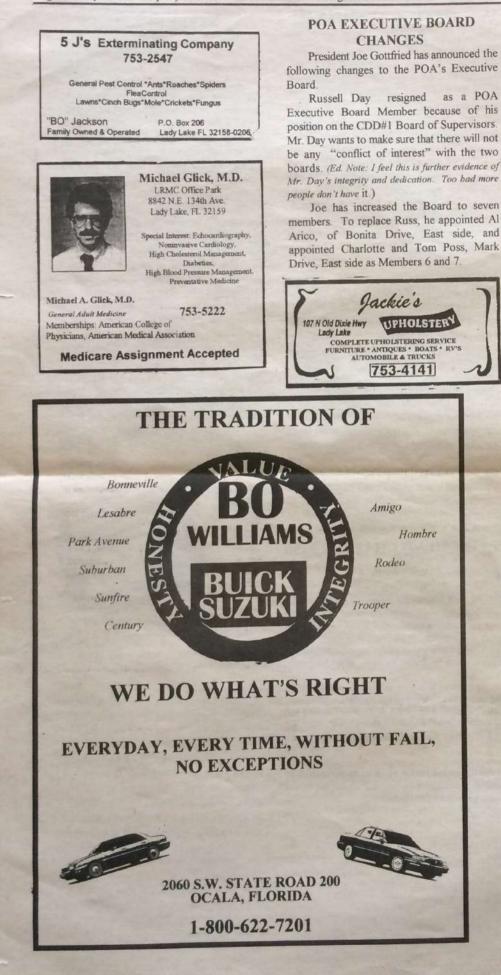
This petition is to change the law to represent the will of all of the people and not just the Developer Whereas: We the undersigned residents and registered voters are requesting our elected officials to make necessary amendments to Florida State Statute #190, for the following reasons:

- None of the people serving on the Village Community Center Development District Board, (referred to as VCCDD from herein), are required to live in the district therefore, do not have a direct interest in the area.
- The VCCDD Board, had and has the authority to request and issue bonds at their discretion. The home 2 owners, who live in this servicing district had no voice in this decisions whatsoever. The VCCDD is now approximately \$150 million in debt (including interest this figure would be over \$200 million).
- The Developer directs his VCCDD Board to purchase specific properties without appraisals or comparative 3 prices.
  - At the present time there are 10,000 homes and 17,000, residents being serviced by this VCCDD. All the above paid for by the \$99.00 monthly maintenance fee each unit pays to the VCCDD, yet the residents have no voice on how the money is spent by the VCCDD Board.

NAME and ADDRESS

COUNTY

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### BON APPÉTITE

My ethnic background is 100% Canadian French. The following receipt is a Canadian French meat pie that my family

served only at Christmas. Being an ethnic dish, I have discovered that people either love it or hate it. My husband, kids and grandkids hate it, so I usually just make one pie, cut in slices and freeze it. For me, one large slice of the pie makes a meal. I serve nothing else with it. Pie must be served very warm.

Meat Pie (8" pie)

1 frozen double pie crust

1-1/4 - 1-1/2 lb. ground pork

1/2 cup chopped onion

1 tsp salt - 1/2 tsp pepper

Mix above ingredients in a medium size sauce pan - pour 1 cup water into pan - bring to boil - lower heat and simmer for approx. 45 minutes.

Let mixture cool. Spoon mixture with a slotted spoon into pie shell. Do not put all the liquid in the pie shell - too much liquid will make the bottom shell soggy - too little will make the pie dry. So this is a tough judgement call - good luck. Top pie with remaining crust. Bake at 350° F for approx. 45 minutes or until pie turns a golden color.

Enjoy! Carol Kope



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#### **OUR TOWN**

"The new Municipal Complex is dedicated to the citizens of Lady Lake. May it

serve as the seat of government - of - by - and for the people, may it be a source of community pride and may it be a symbol of integrity, concern and care in serving the people of Lady Lake". This is the dedication pledge that was proclaimed at the recent dedication ceremony of the new Town of Lady Lake Municipal Complex.

For your information, the following people make up the government of Lady Lake and represent the following wards:

> Mayor Hugh Gibson - Ward 1 Comm. Johanna Perrigo Ward 2 Comm. Virginia Ward Ward 3 Comm. William Reed Ward 4 Comm. Lee Hokr Ward 5 Town Manager - Susan Bover

It was a lovely dedication program. Presentation of the flag by the American Legion Post #347, Star Spangle Banner by the Lake Sentinel Band, greetings and introduction of guests, comments by Lady Lake Commissioners, ribbon cutting, tour of the facilities, and refreshments. Guests received a tie-tack key to our own town hall.

Although it was a rainy day, as Mrs. Perrigo said, the building was baptized. Amen!! (a Baptist saying)

- S A Woollard

#### **OUESTIONS TO ANSWER**

Do you know what these words and signs mean? Stop

Yield No Parking One Way Only 20 Miles Per Hour Rt Turn Only Slow Cross Walk Pedestrians Have Right of Way

Walk

When you get in your automobile, golf cart, and/or bicycle, do you do what the signs say or do you say, "I don't need to" Accidents happen because we fail to follow what the signs say. This happens in the Villages everyday.

If you tell someone about stopping at the stop sign, look out because they'll tell you, like they tell me, "go to h Charles M. Harvey

> THE MILLHORN LAW FIRM Michael D. Millhorn P.A.

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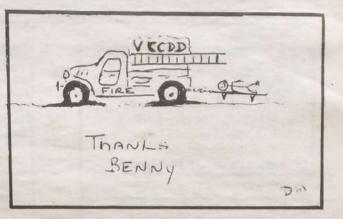
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The Engineer's Guide to Fashion Joe Gottfried's Golfing Tips That Always Work



#### **GOLF TOURNAMENT DONATION**

I know we are very late in announcing the specific amount of our donation to ARC from the proceeds of our Golf Tournament; but, it took some time to get everything straightened out. We had a little controversy with management over some of the bills - but now all bills are paid.

Since the inception of our golf tournament, we have donated our proceeds to the Sunrise Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC). Our donations are specifically specified for use in their "early intervention" program for children who are developmentally disadvantaged.

This year, we are very glad to announce that the POA recently presented to Sunrise Arc a check for \$4,700. We are also extremely proud to announce that this year's donation has exceeded any of our previous donations

We again thank Frenchie Degree and his committee for their tireless efforts in putting everything together, all our sponsors, donations, workers, and golfers for making this tournament such a success.

Sunrise Arc has acknowledged our donation with a personal letter from the V.P. of Corporate Development and a lovely note from Rikki Katz, the local ARC house manager.

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#### LETTER SUMTER COUNTY TIMES

The following is a letter Russ Day sent to the Lake Sumter County Times in response to an editorial they printed regarding the Sumter County Commissioners meeting on fire protection for the Villages.

April 11, 1999 Lake Sumter County Times Bushnell, Fl. Attention Editor Dear Editor,

Regarding your editorial of April 8 on fire protection for the Villages, you seem to have missed the point.

I am surprised that your reporter never commented on any of the statements that I made at the Sumter County Commissioners Meeting. Commissioners Strickland, Rudder, and Cox refuse to accept responsibility for emergency medical services, ie, ambulances for the southern and northern sections of the county which includes the Oxford area, Oakland Hills, Cherry Hills, and other spot developments in the Oxford district

96% of the calls from the Villages are medical related. The ambulance expenses come out of the general funds not the fire department fund. Even thought I sometimes disagree with Fire Chief Jack Reynolds, with the extra funds being generated, they should have a chance to provide full time fire protection and first response.

For further proof, you should look at the 20/20 vision reports and plans, and the other promises made by the Commissioners over the last two years. I just wonder how much longer these commissioners will shirk their duties as a governing board. These commissioners should start considering all the residents of Sumter County and not just home sales in the Villages.

Sincerely yours. Russell G. Day CDD#1 Supervisor Villages of Lake/Sumter Counties

#### **DO YOU LIKE TO GARDEN?**

I guess it goes way back to my childhood. My father, when he wasn't working on an automobile, was making a garden. So, that's one of the things I like to do. Unfortunately, time is beginning to catch up with me, and the garden has become a labor, but a labor of love.

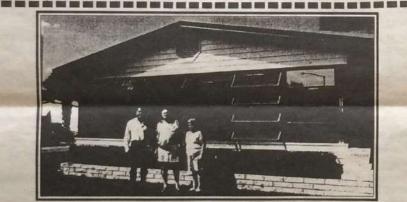
When those flowers bloom and the birds come to the bird bath and the peaches and oranges come to be, it's all worth it. Of course, I could do without the backache, but that's the way it is. - S.A. Woollard

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Board of Direct	ors- 7:00 PM - 1st Tuesday
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#### !!!!! HORRORS !!!!

It is RUMORED that Hugh Gibson may make a run for EVERETT KELLEY'S seat in Tallahassee when Everett's term runs out. OUT WITH ONE PUPPET AND IN WITH ANOTHER.



Ross & Dottie C. show off their home to Steven Field, Invincible Co-Presiden.

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#### SUGGESTION

It would be very nice if the agenda for the CDD#1 Supervisors meetings was displayed on all Postal Stations bulletin boards. This would allow the residents to know ahead of time the subjects to be discussed.

- Russ Day

#### NEXT POA MEETING

Wednesday, MAY 19, 7:00 pm, Paradise Rec Center is the next POA meeting. All residents are welcomed to attend. Come and find out what is going on in the Villages. If you are a member and at the meeting on MAY 19, you could be the winner of a nice door prize - one door prize consisting of \$50 cash from Invincible Roofing, \$50 cash from McKinsey Corp. (total cash \$100), complete A/C tune-up from Village Air/Heating Co., two POA tee shirts.

#### SCHEDULED CDD MEETINGS

VCCDD - Villages Community Center Development District

Meets on the <u>last Friday</u> of the month at 9:00 AM in Pete Wahl's office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the bank building on Main Street **CDD#1** - Meets on the <u>last Friday</u> of the month at 10:00 AM - El Santiago Rec Bldg. **CDD#2** - Meets on the <u>first Friday</u> of the month at 9:30 AM - El Santiago Rec Bldg. **CDD#3** - Meets on the <u>first Friday</u> of the month at 9:00 AM - El Santiago Rec Bldg

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