



THE VILLAGER

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Kids Summer Camp

By EmilyAnne Thomason

This year's theme is Science Camp where we will learn about science in fun ways. We will have experiments, activities, games, and time for free play. Monday through Thursday will be all fun science and on Friday we will have a giant water slide at the hall and an ice cream truck to bring some goodies. All Villagers will be invited to partake in the ice cream, although non-campers must pay for their own ice cream.

Camp will be held Monday, June 10th through Friday, June 14th from 9am-2pm. Drop-off time is from 8:30-9am. All AHF members' kids and grandkids are welcome. Ages five and under must be accompanied by an adult, over sixth grade will be considered Junior Counselors and will count as volunteer hours. Teens 12+ are encouraged to participate as camp helper volunteers. Camp will be held in the AHF hall and on the surrounding trails and fields.

Registration forms may be found on the AHF website at ahfmv.com under "Forms." The deadline to register is June 3rd. Please submit a separate form for each child including camp helper volunteers ages 12+.




Class of 2024 SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 38th Annual Ruth B. Hayes Melbourne Village Scholarship are available in the AHF office or online at ahfmv.com under "Forms." The Scholarship is a \$1,000 award. It is not made based on need, but solely on scholastic aptitude, is not renewable, and is paid directly to the recipient's college. Completed applications are due in the AHF office by June 24, 2024.

Ruth B. Hayes Gift Continues To Provide

By Christine Kretz

Over the years, the AHF has been fortunate to have the time and talent of our many members in support of the organization. Sometimes, member generosity extends to monetary gifts that continue to support our community long after the giver has left us. Such is the contribution of Ruth. B. Hayes whose gift established a scholarship fund that is still providing for one eligible college-bound High School senior each year.

The fund, established from the estate of Ms. Hayes, was originally proposed in 1969 and finally realized in 1987 with a gift of \$16,781 which was placed into an endowment for continued use as a scholarship. Since then, \$1,000 annually has been awarded to a High School senior with the highest academic average, residing in the Town of Melbourne Village, whose parents or guardians are members in good standing of the AHF. Imagine a gift spanning 37 years and continuing on with careful management.

This year, as we again announce the scholarship for 2024, we thank Ruth Hayes for her generous gift and look forward to announcing an awardee among the seniors who submit their application.

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Board of Trustees Meetings

All meetings are held in the AHF Hall and through Zoom on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Zoom info is posted on the front door of both the AHF Hall and the AHF Office the Wednesday before the meeting. If you would like to receive the monthly meeting agenda by email and/or the Zoom link, please call or email the AHF office. The BOT information packet will be available to view in the AHF Office the day of meeting from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. as well as at the meeting.

Regular Committee Meetings and Work Parties

Budget and Finance, 3rd Tue of every month, 7:30 p.m.
 Building and Grounds, Meets as needed
 Deerhead Hammock, 1st Sat of every month, 8 a.m.
 Erna Nixon Hammock, 1st Sat of every month, 8 a.m.
 Memory Garden, 2nd Tue of every month, 8:30 a.m.
 Nutting-Wood Green, 1st Thu of the month, 5 p.m. and workday on 4th Mon at 8:30 a.m., meet under the oak in NWG
 Parks & Paths, Every Fri 8 a.m., see bulletin board for location
 Recreation Committee, 4th Mon of every month, 5 p.m.
 Swimming Pool, monthly assigned duties, meetings vary.

AHF Board Of Trustees 2024-2025:

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SUMMER 2024 - EVENTS

June

- 3 Deadline for Summer Camp registration.
- 7 “First Fridays” Outdoor Recreation 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Committee Reports Due 10:00 a.m.
- 10-14 **Children’s Summer Camp** 8:30-12:00
- 13 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Deadline for RBH Scholarship applications.
- 26 **Cardinalbucks** Coffee Social 8:00-10:00 a.m.
- 29 **Game Night**

July

- 4 Independence Day - AHF Office closed
- 4 **4th of July Parade and Pool Party**
- 5 “First Fridays” Outdoor Recreation 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Committee Reports Due 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 24 **Cardinalbucks** Coffee Social 8:00-10:00 a.m.
- 27 **Game Night**

August

- 2 “First Fridays” Outdoor Recreation 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Committee Reports Due 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 10 **Adult Ed**, Canning: Salsa & Quick Pickles 10 am
- 28 **Cardinalbucks** Coffee Social 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Reminders & Weekly Events

- Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. **Yoga** with Grayson Dix. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m. **Stretch & Stroll** - bring a yoga mat and meet at the basketball court.
- Fridays, 9:30 am -12:00 pm **Art Club**



THE VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE AHF AND MEMBERSHIP DOLLARS

Meet Virginia Frazer, AHF Bookkeeper

By Joan Taddie

Meet our new bookkeeper, Virginia Frazer, a strong administrative professional with an impressive resume that includes attending UCLA to become a certified bookkeeper. Before Virginia attended UCLA, she received a BA from the University of Maryland at the Munich, Germany campus, and also received a BA in Business Administration and Management from the University of Maryland and attended Portland State University for coursework in Business Management and Marketing.



Virginia lived in Germany until she was 24 years old, so she is fluent in German. She has visited 28 foreign countries to date. She also has her Skippers License and sailed a regatta with the USA Team which took 2nd place!

Virginia met her husband Ed in high school and reconnected 22 years later! They love living their life together, along with their son, Rylee, who is 12 years old, their two Double Doodles, brothers Quicy and Sammy, and their two cats, McSkittles and Juliette.

Since moving from Oregon and Washington to Florida, Virginia now loves paddle boarding, the beach, outdoor festivals, and live bands. And... Virginia really loves working in Melbourne Village. She especially loves the sense of community and all the interesting people that she has had the privilege of meeting here. She feels like she works in a park, and it is a soothing balm on her sometimes chaotic life.

Welcome to Melbourne Village, Virginia! We are so glad you are now an integral part of our precious community!

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From the Desk of the President



It's a new membership year for the American Homesteading Foundation and I'm honored to have been selected to be the president for the coming year. The AHF thrives on a culture of collaboration, volunteerism, and community that is deeply rooted in tradition and history. While the organization has evolved over time, the maintaining of our traditions, our culture of warm neighborliness, and our strong spirit of stewardship remains paramount.

As a relatively new member of the AHF, I want to assure all members that I will uphold these values while also seeking opportunities for positive changes to better support the organization and its members for years to come.

Speaking of tradition, it was wonderful to see the return of the Easter Sunrise Service to the Village! A heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to coordinating the event, making it a special day.

As for what's ahead, the Policies and Procedures of our organization have been made into an accessible document available to all members, and we are in the process of updating essential technology, including software and computers. Additionally, a Referendum regarding the expansion of membership eligibility has been mailed to voting members.

To members new and seasoned in our community, I look forward to your participation and collaboration in the years to come. Join us at the numerous events organized by our dedicated volunteers each month and plan to attend the Board of Trustees meetings in order to contribute your thoughts and insights to our decision-making process.

A sincere thank you to my fellow BOT members. I intend to work diligently alongside you as we further the goals of the AHF.

Christine Kretz
AHF President

VISIT THE AHF WEBSITE!!



Gentle Yoga For AHF Members



On Wednesday evenings from 6 - 7 p.m., join **Grayson Dix** for an AHF-sponsored "Hour of Me-Time" for AHF members. The focus is on breathing, stretching, and balance. As we get older, it

can become important to tend the things that keep us moving throughout the day and in this case, we work on those things...gently. Bring a mat, a bottle of water, blocks, or any other props you might use and join us. Doors open at about 5:30 p.m. in case you have any questions or would like to come early. We finish class promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation Committee

This sub-committee of Nutting-Wood Green has been having a blast the last few months with our First Friday events and weekly Stretch & Stroll! Join us every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. on the basketball court to stretch before taking to the trails for a lovely nature walk. Do you enjoy outdoor games and exercise? We'd love to welcome you! Bring yourself, your neighbor, young adults, teens, and grandkids. There are various events at different activity levels, or bring a chair to sit and enjoy the fun. You are invited! Reach out to **Carrie Cronkhite** or **Kelly Marrero** with questions and ideas. Upcoming FIRST FRIDAY events include:



- Jun 7: Water Volleyball or Pool 9-Square *level 2 - \$0
- Jul 4: Help Pool Committee, Pool 9-Square *level 1 - \$0
- Aug 2: Pool Volleyball, *level 2 - \$0
- Sep 6: Pool 9-Square, *level 1 - \$0

*Note: Activity level scale 1-5, with 1 being low impact, 3 at your pace with occasional impact, and 5 being running/impact sport.

Arts & Crafts Group Each Friday



For nine years, the Arts & Crafts Group has been meeting each Friday from 9:30 until noon in the AHF Hall. Starting out as a small group of about five, there are now 12-15 people attending each week. The artists and crafters bring their own materials and work individually on a

variety of projects like painting, needlework, macrame, felting, mosaics, drawing, the options are limited only by your imagination! Everyone is welcome so please feel free to join us or stop by to check us out and enjoy a cup of coffee and some lively conversation.

Canning Salsa and Quick Pickles

The Adult Education Committee is excited to announce a fun opportunity for all members: a hands-on Salsa Making Class with a side of Quick Pickles! This class is bursting with flavor and creativity as participants learn the basics of preparing and canning salsa and quick pickles. This presentation will be led by **Christine Kretz**, our new AHF President!

Open to all AHF members, this class promises to be an enriching experience for food enthusiasts of all levels, so join us for some culinary camaraderie. The Committee will provide all of the ingredients and materials for registered attendees to take home a small



jar of salsa. If you'd like to take pickles home, please bring a small glass jar with a lid. To ensure everyone gets a taste of the action, **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!** If you do not register, you may still attend, but materials will be reserved for those who have registered in advance.

Don't miss this opportunity to spice up your kitchen repertoire and connect with fellow members over a shared love of food. Register by emailing **Bridget Foster** at bridget4975@yahoo.com and mark your calendars for Saturday, August 10 from 9am-12noon!

Cardinalbucks Potluck Breakfast



Cardinalbucks is a potluck breakfast and coffee social held on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 8 to 10 a.m. at the AHF Hall. It is a great way to catch up with neighbors, meet new people, and enjoy a delicious breakfast with friends to

start the day. Cardinalbucks at Night is a potluck dinner and BYOB gathering that is always a great success. The next one is Saturday, September 14 from 6 - 10 p.m. and another will be scheduled in February.



The Nominating Committee would like to thank all who stepped up to join a committee, as a member or a friend, to contribute to sustaining our wonderful community and beautiful park lands. All committees are *officially* complete, but there is always room for additional members! Call **Celia Byrnes** at (832) 466-5577 to let us know if there is a committee you'd like to join in an official or unofficial capacity.

Recreation Committee News

By Betty Jo Yorio

The Recreation Committee hosted the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in March with many of the local neighborhood kids and visiting grandchildren collecting colorful eggs and searching both high and low for one of the hidden golden eggs in their age category. After the hunt was completed, everyone gathered in the AHF Hall for refreshments and the Golden Egg Awards. Our very own Easter Bunny, as played by **Gerda Murphy**, posed for photo opportunities with the kids, while others enjoyed coloring Easter themed pages and visiting with their neighbors and friends.

May 25th is a scheduled Movie Night and in anticipation of the Summer Olympics we will be showing "The Boys in the Boat." This inspirational true story follows a group of underdogs at the height of the Great Depression as they are thrust into the spotlight, taking on elite rivals from around the world as part of the 1936 Berlin summer games. Unfortunately, this will be our last movie night of the year. Due to the rising costs and budget constraints, we have decided not to renew the annual license required for public showings. The remaining scheduled movie nights in June and July will be replaced with fun and interactive games for a bit of friendly competition and prizes to be won!

We encourage all members to come out and have some fun with us! Recreation events are not only a great way to catch up with your neighbors, but also meet new neighbors and welcome them to our community by inviting them along. We are busy planning game nights, a new "Casino-Sin City" style murder mystery for end of summer, and of course the end-of-year Holiday Dinner. This year we are holding an "end of year raffle," and each event you attend will earn you a raffle ticket for the grand prize.

Please watch for Event Announcements at the hanging sign posts, bulletin boards, and on the NextDoor app. Unless otherwise stated, all events require advanced registration for preparation purposes. If you have any suggestions, would like to help with an event, or know of a student looking to earn their community volunteer hours, please let us know at ahfrecreation@gmail.com.



Above: The Easter Bunny, **Gerda Murphy**, and a bunch of eager egg hunters at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Below: The Recreation Committee and another successful event! L-R **Valerie Piszczek, Sandi Dix, Lorrie Muzzone, Mary Jane Moon, Betty Jo Yorio**.



Your Pool is Ready! How About You?

By Marty McAlwee

The County inspection has passed. The Pool Committee has put a new coating on the deck. The Pergola has been enhanced. New furniture has been purchased and placed into service. The Pool Company maintains the pumps. Yes, your pool facility is ready for a fun summer. Are you ready to enjoy your pool and do your part to keep the pool experience a fun time for you and your family? Of course we want the pool to be at its best when we visit. How do we do that? There are ways to help.

- o Please **clean up** when you are leaving: we have beautiful trash cans.
- o Please **take your aquatic items** with you: there is limited deck space for equipment.
- o Please follow the posted pool rules: **showering** before getting into the water is a really good one.
- o If you move **furniture**, please do it carefully and put it back to its original location on the deck.
- o Don't forget your bathroom etiquette rules to keep your **restrooms** clean, neat, and in good working order (noted that little people need some help with this one).
- o **Staying safe** can't be emphasized enough. Be familiar with the locations of the life saving equipment on the deck.

Mark your calendar for our traditional Independence Day party on the 4th of July. The pool committee and AHF staff wish you a safe and fun summer. If you have a suggestion or an issue about the pool, please contact the AHF office. Be COOL AT THE POOL this Summer!



Parks and Paths

By Leslie Fay

605. That's the number of volunteer hours our committee invested in parkland maintenance* during thirty-five weekly work parties this past year. With a committee of seventeen members and five "friends," we average 8-12 members at each weekly two-hour session. What a season! And it's not over until mid-June when we take a summer break. While we work hard, we mostly enjoy one another's camaraderie and friendship.

Since September, our dedicated crew has once again accomplished more than we could have wished for. Beyond regular mowing and tidying up, we continue to make progress battling invasive plants: Australian pines in Wildflower Meadow, red passionflower in Griffith Park, and invasive Java plum trees in the Old Hall Park trail between Hall Road and the pedestrian bridge. We also joined forces with the Building and Grounds Committee to prune the azaleas at the AHF Hall a few weeks back.

Weekly work parties are posted on the Dayton bulletin board, and anyone is welcome to join us. There are tasks for all levels of ability - just show up with a bottle of water and a pair of gloves.

If you notice a downed tree, trail issue, or an obstruction during the summer months, please report it to the AHF Office.

* The Parks and Paths Committee is responsible for maintaining all AHF paths except Deerhead Hammock and Erna Nixon Park.



~ Please ~
**NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES
 IN PARKS OR ON PATHS**

Nutting-Wood Green

By Mary Murphy

Have you walked around Nutting-Wood Green recently? The meadow was mowed in late April. It would be nice to be able to let nature take its own course but unfortunately, a meadow requires some maintenance. In open spaces, controlled and/or natural burns function to manage plant growth. But in a semi-urban setting such as ours, we settle for mowing the meadow once a year.



Mowing is best done after the wildflowers have lived their full life cycle. In late spring, plants have gone to seed, and the seed heads have matured and released seeds back into the ground. This ensures a strong seed bank for next year and makes way for a new season of wildflowers. Mowing

also keeps the meadow an open space. Woody plants are prevented from maturing into shrubs or trees and invasive species are kept under control.

So, if you haven't had a chance to see it recently, come take a walk on the pathway around the meadow!

Erna Nixon Hammock

By Sandi Dix

We continue to remove invasive and non-native plants in the parkland, keep the paths cleared of debris, and plan for the next phase of our restoration project of the parkland. The plants that we planted behind the homeowners' property on Acacia and Live Oak are doing nicely and are growing. These should fill in as they get bigger and provide some privacy for the homeowners. We did have to remove a large Oak tree behind a homeowner's house in the parkland as it was leaning toward their house and several of the roots were pulled up. We do plan on replacing it with a small Oak tree that we have but will plant it further back.

We are working on replacing the fallen sign at the main entrance to the Hammock with a sign made out of composite material like our map signs. The verbiage will be the same as the old sign, but we will be adding some details from the Erna Nixon entrance sign to tie in the appearance. Once the sign is back up, we will attach our doggie poop station to the post, which will also be made of composite material that resists rot.

Please remember: NO SMOKING or littering in any of our parkland and please pick up after your dog. There is nothing worse than enjoying a nice stroll in our parks and stepping in someone's dog poop.... let's be considerate of others that use the parks!

Our work parties are the first Saturday of the month starting at 9 am. We are a small committee, doing a major job removing invasive plants and maintaining all our paths and can use extra help. If you have a couple of hours be a good neighbor & help us out! If you see a fallen tree on the path or anything else out of place, please contact either the AHF office or me, **Sandi Dix**, @ 321-272-8973 or mntlcrpl@yahoo.com. Happy Trails!

Meet Our Newest AHF Members

Dave & Lisa MacDonald purchased 6691 Towhee Dr in April 2024 (from Evans). They are thrilled to be living in Melbourne Village near their family and friends.



*Pictured L-R: **Lisa & Dave MacDonald** with their dog **Lucky**; **Kelly & Justin Marrero** with their kids **Brynn** and **Beck**; (Blue Heron Rd) **Buddy & Katie Velie** with their kids **Emma** and **Evan** (Flamingo Ct); and family friends **Claire & Steve Peffer** (Norman Dr).*



Community Garden Update

By Katie Hagood

If you've seen the Community Garden recently, you may have noticed that we have converted two of our ground rows into rows of container bins. Our main reason for doing so is that we have gotten poor results in those rows the past few seasons. The tomatoes that we planted this past fall turned yellow and wilted. When we pulled them out, their roots were very knotted, which is a sign that the soil has been infected with nematodes!

Container gardening can have many benefits, especially to a Florida garden. You have total control of your soil quality, so nematodes and other pests can be isolated and taken care of. You can save on watering, as water stays in the container and does not seep into the surrounding earth. It can also be more cost effective than building a new ground row, as less soil is needed. Placing aluminum cans and sticks at the bottom of containers, which is what we did in most of our bins, can both reduce the amount of soil you need and create pockets for water to be stored. And lastly, planting in containers raises the plants off the ground which can help protect them from pests and weeds.

If you are interested in joining us in the Community Garden, please contact **Brenda Mathews**, chairperson, at prunellstubbbs@outlook.com, or contact the AHF office.

*Photo above: Solarizing the remaining ground row and the new raised containers. Photo Below: Garden members toured two gardens on May 4. Standing L-R is **John and Katie Hagood, Dani Noell, Vicki Busby (at her garden), Hilda Brockman, Tina Ellet, Brenda Mathews, Ondine Constable**; Seated are **Carol Gent and Ray Cooper**.*



Memory Garden – A Wee Bit of History

By Mary Murphy

In 1966, the Building and Grounds Committee was given a plant in honor of AHF member Kate Fick. (Do you know where Fick Forest is? You can find it on Savannah Dr. The AHF Board of Trustees (BOT) granted permission for memorial plantings to be placed across the parking lot from the Village Hall. Upkeep of the area was sporadic until 1976 when the BOT established a temporary committee tasked with caring for the garden, keeping a listing of memorial plants, and establishing and maintaining markers with names of the deceased. Funding for the garden was through donations. Water was hand carried. Unfortunately, donated plants were often unsuited to the conditions of the garden. Once again, upkeep was sporadic so in time, the garden was in disarray.

In 1982, the BOT established a permanent, funded committee to restore, maintain, and plan for a garden that can thrive with minimal maintenance. The committee decided to encourage the use of native plants. New plant donations may be made in consultation with the committee to promote hardy, suitable selections.

In 1995, the committee installed city water, an irrigation system with 3 watering zones and laid out the flower beds. Over the years, the use of markers was abandoned and many original plants have died. However, arbors, trellises, park benches, a bird bath, native trees, shrubs, grasses, and flowers have been added to make it a pleasant place to visit. The committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 8:30am (except for July and August).



Remembering Our Neighbors, Our Friends

With great sadness we announce the passing of these members of our AHF community:

Betty Stumpe, Acacia Ave, Member since 1964 ~ **Bill Whitehead**, Acacia Ave, Member since 1987 ~ **Betty Willis**, Platt Cir, Member since 1994 ~ **Bob Davis**, Towhee Dr, Member since 2000 ~ **Jill DeBellis**, Acacia Ave, Member since 2003

Betty Willis

Recently the AHF Hall was the site of a special event: a Celebration of Life for Betty Willis of Platt Circle. Her daughters decorated the Hall with her favorite flowers, produced a video of photos through her years, and publicized the happening.

Fifty-eight family members and friends, including eleven Villagers, from Naples to Jacksonville and scattered throughout the state came and visited, shared memories, watched the video, had lunch, and visited some more.

Betty was one of the sweetest and happiest humans anyone could hope to meet and had a smile that went on for days. At her memorial service, she was said to be a literal ray of sunshine that spread that light to everyone who met her. Her smile, her laugh, and her genuine joy of life always made you feel happier, lighter, and a better person for having spent time with her.

Betty is survived by her loving and devoted husband Don, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The family is grateful for the love she shared, the wisdom she imparted, and the indelible mark she left on those who loved and knew her.



Jill DeBellis

Jill DeBellis lived on Acacia Ave with her husband Rick for 21 years. “She told me the happiest day of her life was when we bought our house in Melbourne Village” Rick recalls. “I remember watching her from afar as we were shown the rooms by the Realtor. Jill was busily writing in her notebook about each room and visualizing how it would look after we moved in. She said, ‘I want to live here forever.’”

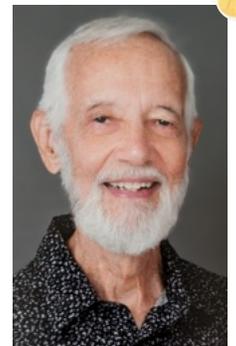
Neighbors will remember Jill from the Annual AHF Holiday Bazaar where she shared the beautifully beaded bracelets, necklaces, keychains, and ornaments that she so loved to create.

Jill passed away on March 19, 2024 after a long-term illness. She was 71.

Bill Whitehead

Bill Whitehead and his wife Karen bought their little cottage on Acacia Avenue in Melbourne Village in 1987 and moved in on August 22 that year. One of the things that appealed to them was the spirit of togetherness in Melbourne Village. People knew their neighbors and the townspeople actually helped to run the town, continuing the traditions handed down over the years.

Bill was the kind of person who felt the need to be involved in his community. Over the years he served on the Budget and Finance Committee, Annual Meeting and Dinner Committee, and Membership Committee. He was a Board Member from 1992 - 1995. Bill thrived on participation and responsibility. Whatever he did, he did with care and dedication. He was proud to be part of the running of our little town and he will be missed by all who knew him.



November 15, 1983

TO: Blanche R. Scott

FROM: Evelyn B. Greshel



LOOKEE HERE..ANOTHER
GEM FROM THE AHF
HISTORY ROOM

I have today deposited \$3.40 in AHF funds to reimburse Office Expense for materials used by Eleanor Krause on Monday, November 14, 1983. She used one stencil and 100 sheets of mimeograph bond and ran same through the machine. (Approximated cost: stencil - 40¢; paper - \$1.00; Ink & elect. - \$2.00).

You will remember that I called to ask if she had asked permission to do work here. You said she had not asked you. Before her arrival here I had pulled out one stencil and laid it on the desk and checked the price, which is actually \$.38+ for one. Eleanor arrived before 12 o'clock and seated herself opposite my desk. I got up to store ledger & journal and to sort out stencils which need to be duplicated ---- by-laws & membership application forms. Eleanor moved around the desk, sat in the typing chair, put the stencil in the machine and proceeded to type. I stood in dismay as she did this on my time and without asking permission. I continued to work. Bill Larkin came into the office before Eleanor started any work and then he left. No other visitor came during regular hours and at 12:28 I locked the front door. Julie Deaton came to the door after it was locked and I stopped and visited with her through the door as I was returning to the office from the restroom. Eleanor kept saying she didn't want to keep me; but, of course, I could not leave her here.

I ran "Application for Membership" Forms and "Request for Waiver" Forms which were urgently needed in the supply cabinet. When Eleanor finished her typing, she went over to the mimeograph machine and said, "Well, I guess I have forgotten how to use this too." (She had asked assistance in setting up margins, etc. on the typewriter.). I asked if she needed long (14") paper and she said she did not, that letter size was fine. I removed the legal length paper from the machine and deposited letter-size and she was adjusting the counter saying, "I think I'll make about a hundred copies." She did. I told her at 1:20 that I needed to leave at 1:30 to go to take my husband's check for bank deposit before 2:00 P.M. She said she wanted to cut the sheets she had run in half, and she did. We left the office at 1:40. She simply said, "thank you" and never offered to pay for anything and never acted as if she were concerned that she had interrupted office procedures, only that she was concerned for delay in lunch. I didn't have the courage to tell her she couldn't stay and do the work. I never suspected she would do it without asking. I have never seen Eleanor take such blatant advantage of the AHF when she worked here. It is all so completely out of character I could not offend her.

I do promise that she will never get behind the desk again as long as I work here. I shall be on guard from here on - to be forewarned is to be on guard, or forearmed. Frustration and embarrassment are the words describing my feeling as I left the office. If you feel this adjustment is insufficient, I'll pay the difference. I don't really think the AHF would want to bill her. I doubt we'll ever have to deal with a similar circumstance. Your comments are welcome.

Sincerely,

Evelyn

Melbourne Village Real Estate News



Compiled by Debbie Seiler from property owners, public records, and various online resources. Current as of May 6, 2024.



FOR SALE: 6674 Flamingo Rd, built 1957, 2214 SF, 3/3 on 1 acre w/ pool. Asking \$590,000 or \$266/SF.



FOR SALE: 6915 Towhee Dr, built 1989, 1684 SF, 3/2 on .43 acre. Asking \$499,000 or \$296/SF.



FOR SALE: 6257 Savannah Dr, built 1952, 1400 SF, 3/1 on .50 acre. Asking \$398,000 or \$284/SF.



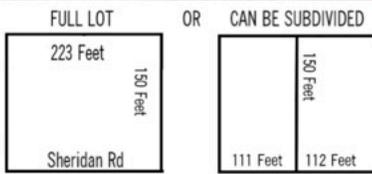
FOR SALE: 6592 Ward Pkwy, built 1959, 1930 SF, 3/3 on .46 acre. Asking \$439,900 or \$228/SF.



FOR SALE: 5800 Live Oak Ave, built 2018, 2094 SF, 3/3 on .37 acres asking \$575,000 or \$275/SF.



FOR SALE: 550 Acacia Ave, built 1950, 2275 SF, 3/3 on .69 acres asking \$585,000 or \$257/SF.



MELBOURNE VILLAGE

FOR SALE: 6915 Sheridan Rd, .77 acre vacant lot, may be subdivided, asking \$350,000 or \$454K/acre.



FOR RENT: 5680 Crane Rd, updated 1160 SF, 2 /1 with office, open parking, no pets \$2,100/mo.



UNDER CONTRACT: 6727 Blue Jay Ln, Built 1957, 1336 SF, 3/2 on .84 ac asking \$399,000 or \$299/SF.



SOLD Apr 22: 299 Dayton Blvd, built 1956, 1176 SF, 2/1 on .41 acres, sold for \$195,000 or \$166/SF.



SOLD Apr 9: 795 Acacia Ave, built 1964, 1915 SF, 3/2 on 1.59 acres sold for \$480,000 or \$251/SF.



SOLD Apr 3: 6691 Towhee Dr, built 1983, 2076 SF, 3/2 on .43 acres sold for \$525,000 or \$253/SF.



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COMPOST with **AHF COMMUNITY GARDEN** in Melbourne Village FL

50% Browns/Carbon: Ashes, wood, bark, cardboard/newspaper (shredded), corn stalks, fruit waste, leaves, peanut shells, sawdust, stems, twigs, straw

50% Greens/Nitrogen: Alfafa, algae, coffee grounds, egg shells, food waste*, grass clippings, hedge clippings, used hops, manures, seaweed, vegetable scraps

* Avoid diseased plants, meat bones, fish, fats, dairy, pet droppings (except chickens), colored or glossy paper, plastic, and weeds that have gone to seed.



Use the receptacle located in the AHF parking lot or deposit directly in the covered compost bins in the NW corner of the garden. Thank you!