



2021 Annual Report Social/Welcome Committee

- The past year has been both rewarding and challenging for the Social/Welcoming Committee. This committee is responsible for welcoming new residents and planning social events. Both of these responsibilities are important because they promote and foster good relationships, healthy neighborhoods, and fun. In order to carry out these duties, members of the social committee meet several times a year to stay connected and plan upcoming events in addition to welcoming new residents. This hardworking committee includes Colleen Boyd, Villages 1 & 2, Ruth Scofield, Village 6, Barbara Collins, Village 7, Linda Olson, Village 8, Cheryl Hair, Village 9, & John Cress, Village 10. In addition, Della Keele and Yvonne Jaso have assisted by delivering Welcome Bags.
- The Real Estate Market has been booming this year and many homes have been bought and sold in the Villages. In addition, several rental homes have changed occupants. When a new resident moves into the Village, their information is forwarded from the Title Company or Rental Management Company. Once they have moved into their new home, a Welcome Committee member delivers a Welcome Gift bag that includes a Homeowner's Information booklet as well as a few small gifts from local vendors. Andy's Market has been gracious to donate some gift cards to include in these bags. We are so grateful for their contribution.
- The Covid Pandemic curtailed social events during the first few months of 2021 but after the restrictions were eased, the following events were scheduled for the rest of 2021.
 - *July 10, Garden tour that had to be cancelled due to long period of extreme heat.
 - *August 20, 27 & September 3 & 10 Game Nights in the Gazebo
 - *October 31: Halloween parade at the Gazebo that included pets, children, and adults, some in costume.
 - *December: The Gazebo was again beautifully lit during the Christmas Season. That was the perfect setting for a lovely, well attended, Christmas event on December 5 that included refreshments, vocal Christmas music provided by a WWU ensemble, and much visiting.
 - *Individual Villages have been encouraged to plan their own social gatherings.

Respectively submitted,
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