



Social / Welcome Annual Meeting Report to Homeowners – 2023

- Our committee holds two functions: providing welcome bags to all new residents and hosting a variety of social events providing residents an opportunity to get-together.
- Our welcome bags consist of a couple of local products, such as jam or salad dressing, dish towel, or candle, and a gift card to Andy's market, donated to us from Andy's. It also includes a copy of the Villages handbook, which can also be viewed online, and a handwritten card. These are personal visits, never left on the doorstep.
- For the year 2023, 16 have been delivered. This number is down from 2022 which was 20, and 2021, which was 40.
- Our yearly budget breaks down to .34 cents a month per homeowner, or \$4.08 per year.
- We began our social events this April with a Garden party at the Gazebo, which included a demonstration on how to build a patio pot. In May we hosted the 25th Birthday Celebration of the Villages. June brought the opening of the Blackberry Target Golf Course. The Colors of Mexico dance troupe entertained a crowd of over 100 at our September event. In December we will have Christmas at the Gazebo and luminaries around the Gazebo on the 23rd.
- Our committee consists of 12 homeowners who deliver welcome bags and plan events. They often provide home baked goods and supplies from their own pockets.
- We are aware that concerns/complaints have been made to the board regarding the value of this committee, that it is not a way to run a business. The Board has the responsibility of running our business, but we are also a

Village, a community. We would point out that businesses hold functions for their employees, Christmas parties, picnics, birthday parties, pizza parties- these are all part of running a business and provide a useful function. We are hopeful, and confident, that you agree with us.