

WESTMINSTER CRIER

Westminster Community Website News!!

Starting in January 2017, you will be required to log in to the Westminster Community Website in order to view the minutes and agendas. The login is the same that is currently utilized for the Visitor Management Portal on the community site.

Last chance to make a great Christmas for the Guards!!!!

IF you are interested in donating please stop by the Westminster Community Office to see Paul or Jessica OR contact Betsy Rosser at brosser@brockport.edu.

Last date to make a donation is Monday,

December 19.

Let's show them how much we appreciate them



Golf Course Purchase Proposal Meeting

Minutes of the New Westminster Golf Course Committee Meeting

Moderators: John Little, Vern Detlef (residents of Westminster)

John Little opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., introduced himself, and passed around an attendance list for everyone to sign. He thanked Dick Thoma for allowing the group to meet in the Golf Clubhouse. He also distributed copies of the Vision and the Plan to anyone who had not received them with the original meeting email. He apologized to anyone that had not received this email, but noted that he only had about 150 emails of what could be over 600 in the community. John then explained that the purpose of the meeting was to explore the possible formation of an LLC (limited liability corporation) in order to purchase the golf course from Dick Thoma. This would be accomplished by selling shares to interested parties at \$5,000.00 each to accumulate \$2,750,000.00 - \$3,000,000.00 (this includes purchase price and operating capital). He reported on the results of the first survey that was distributed earlier this fall.

Minutes Continued

John then introduced his neighbor and co-moderator, Vern Detlef. Vern reviewed the on-again, off-again nature of the failed negotiations between the Coral Hospitality group and Dick Thoma on their offer to purchase the golf course. He noted that the Westminster group's plan was put on hold so as not to compete with Coral Group in the bidding process. Vern explained that this took most of 2016 because of dealing with problematic bylaws of the Community Association. Once that issue was finally resolved, Coral Hospitality and Mr. Thoma could not agree on price. Therefore Coral has backed out.

Vern explained that it was vital for Westminster's future that something be done. Mr. Thoma has indicated that financially he cannot continue to operate the course, and without a credible buyer, he will close it. A lively discussion followed how this would negatively affect the values of all Westminster homes. One attendee pointed out that he moved to Westminster from a Bonita Springs community that lost its golf course. He reported that his home's value plummeted from \$400,000.00 before the course closed to a final sale price of \$150,000.00 after closing.

Minutes Continued

Next, Dick Thoma's Profit and Loss statements from 2012 - 2015 were distributed to the group. In summary, they show declining sales with a corresponding drop in profitability. A discussion about declining rounds ensued, with many questions and comments from the audience. Solutions suggested included selling memberships (year round and partial), increased marketing, improving the restaurant and bar operations to attract more customers, and better pricing to attract additional golfers. All of these decisions would be determined by a Board of Directors that would be elected by the shareholders.

Next future projections for 2017 - 2020 were distributed. In summary, they show a conservatively modest increase over the three years with modest profits as a result. Again there were many questions and comments from the audience.

Vern then announced that a second survey would be distributed later in December. He also requested volunteers to help distribute these.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Burton



Swing with Bling



Westminster Ladies Invitational Golf Tournament February 20, 2017

All levels of female golfers with an index/handicap are welcome!

*Price: \$80.00 (dinner only \$25.00)
WGC members \$50.00
Price includes green fee, dinner, prizes*

*Registration: 12:00 Noon
Shot Gun Start: 1:00 p.m.
Format: 4 person modified scramble. Gross and Net Prizes
Teams: Sign up as a foursome or individually
Dinner : 5:30 p..m. (directly following golf) ***

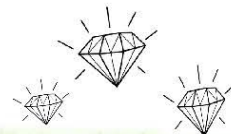
Mulligans and Chinese Auction prize tickets will be available for purchase

Come Join in the Fun Dressed in your Best Bling

Registration with payment is due by January 23rd. Drop off payment/check (or mail) to Sandra Barreca at 4744 Fairloop Run. For more information contact Lea Jensen at 239-674-9726 or Sandra Barreca at 239-674-7249. Registration forms are available in the pro shop.

No cancellations or refunds after February 14th, 2017

**** Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions**



Westminster Ladies 2017 Invitational Golf Tournament – Feb. 20, 2017

'Swing With Bling'

Registration Form

Please collect payment from all four players and make check payable to Sandra Barreca with completed form and mail to:

Sandra Barreca
4744 Fairloop Run
Lehigh Acres, 33973
Phone 239-674-7249
saundrab222@gmail.com

Name : _____
Phone #: _____
Email: _____
Index: _____
Will you have your own cart? (Yes/No)

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Dinner Only:

Name: _____
Phone #: _____
Email: _____

If you do not have a foursome, please fill in this form with your name and information required and submit your check in the same manner as requested above. You will be assigned to a foursome.

If you do not have an established index, you can establish one by logging onto the free website www.golfhound.com. If you are unable to establish an index, you may, as an alternative, provide a minimum of 6 attested score cards along with your completed form. Maximum index allowed will be 40.4 (40.4 index = 35.0 handicap at Westminster from the purple tees). If your index is higher than 40.4, we would still love for you to play, but you will be assigned a 40.4 index.

**Deadline to sign up is January 23rd, 2017
No Refunds after February 14th, 2017**

Board Meeting December 20 at 7 pm
Community Center



Have an event to announce?? Have information to share with the entire community?? Send the information to the crier at westminstercrier@gmail.com

Calling for holiday pictures from clubs and activities, and events in Westminster. Send pictures to westminstercrier@gmail.com

Holiday Message from Sheriff Mike Scott

Each holiday season, I take time to reflect on the many blessings I have received throughout the year and am filled with gratitude and humility as I give thanks for my wonderful family, good health, and the opportunity I have been given to serve as your Sheriff for the past twelve years. For many though, the pressures of the season can be overwhelming as families struggle to put food on the table, let alone gifts under the tree. In an effort to lighten the burden, members of the sheriff's office, along with numerous community partners, have been working together to help spread the gift of joy, hope and cheer by delivering holiday meals, stockings for kids, and toys for teens and tots. Why do we do this? Because we believe law enforcement is much more than just catching bad guys. Helping to relieve the stresses of hopelessness, frustration and despair is part of what we do to ensure the betterment of our community. I hope you won't mind me sharing with you how proud I am of the men and women that make up this great agency..... □

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-Our North District raised over \$8,000 for the Community Cooperative Mobile Food Pantry and collected 5,600 pounds of nonperishable food items to help local food banks during their Holiday Hunger Event. The food and money collected will impact more than 7,500 families.

-Explorer Post 18 collected over 3,000 pounds of food and purchased 19 turkeys, providing 25 families a holiday meal. They are also still busy collecting toys in their annual toy drive.

- East District deputies will once again host "Shop with a Cop" after receiving a \$2,500 grant from Walmart. Ten needy families will benefit from this great community partnership.

- -A toy drive to lift the spirits of sick children is being held throughout the entire Sheriff's Office. Participating members will deliver the collected items to the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida within the coming days.

- Our employees are generous givers, and I thought you should know that we are more than just a law enforcement agency; we are a part of your community, this holiday and every day. I wish each of you a healthy, happy and safe holiday season,
Mike

Some pictures
from caroling.
More to come
next time!!







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