

Car raffle to support Brevard County seniors

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BREVARD COUNTY — On October 10, one lucky winner will have the opportunity to choose from one of four cars to take home from Boniface-Hiers Automotive Group.

Helping Seniors of Brevard is hosting its fourth annual car raffle, one of its biggest fundraisers of the year that directly supports seniors within our county.

This year, the “2020 Helping Seniors of Brevard Car Raffle” offers a 2020 Chevrolet Camaro, 2020 Mazda Miata Convertible, 2020 Kia Sportage and a 2020 Dodge Challenger to choose from.

To enter the raffle, one ticket costs \$25 or five tickets are available for a \$100 donation.

Ticket purchases also include the opportunity for guests to tour the American Muscle Car Museum at a future date.

The Grand Drawing will take place online with a live streaming on Facebook and YouTube at 6 p.m. Meanwhile, ticket holders can watch a full day of broadcasts as Helping Seniors of Brevard visits each of AJ Hier’s car dealerships to showcase the cars.

At 2 p.m., the nonprofit will go “live” at the American Muscle Car Museum for the Grand Drawing event.

“AJ Hiers has helped me with the car raffles since 1993 while [I was] with the Alzheimer’s Foundation,” said Joe Steckler, president of Helping Seniors of Brevard. “I did the car raffle four years ago [for HSB] because I knew it would do several things, most importantly, it would add to our donor base.”

Helping Seniors of Brevard Media & Marketing Coordinator Kerry Fink added, “This event has become a the key fundraiser that helps us operate the county’s Senior Information Helpline, which has helped more than 3,400 families today extensively - and answers 125-plus callers each month, and our related Senior information outreaches.”

The Senior Information Helpline is “more than a referral service,” according to Mr. Fink. By calling (321) 473-7770, seniors can get assistance with housing, transportation, medical, legal, financial and more.

“The organization takes on many cases and helps ensure the good outcome, through multiple connections and contacts, to resolve a particular need,” Mr. Fink said. “Helping Seniors provides a bridge by knowing WHERE to take a particular situation for best ‘next steps.’”

Another way Helping Seniors of Brevard aims to support seniors is through providing media and information on a variety of topics that affect their daily



Image courtesy of Helping Seniors of Brevard

One lucky winner will take home one of these four cars in a raffle that will benefit nonprofit organization Helping Seniors of Brevard.

lives.

Mr. Steckler’s columns are regularly published in the Hometown News, and the nonprofit also publishes a monthly newsletter. Residents can catch Helping Seniors TV daily Monday through Friday on SCG-TV locally, as well as on the radio, Wednesdays 12 p.m., on 90.3 FM WEJF-FM.

“A really successful car raffle will mean the community does recognize the value of Helping Seniors and that social media, TV, radio and newspapers are all helping us get the story out about all the many resources that are available in Brevard,” Mr. Steckler said.

For more information, visit www.helpingseniorsofbrevard.org.

Say Goodbye to Rentals

They say your home is where your heart is and where your story begins but if you’re renting you may be limiting yourself to the full potential of personalizing your space. There is a time and place for everything and renting is no exception. While there are many benefits to renting a place, more often than not, purchasing your own home has benefits that far outweigh renting. Imagine living in a home that only costs roughly the same as renting but has all the amenities and options that are similar to a resort. If this seems like a dream, it’s not! Now at Lamplighter Village, you can own a NEW home with no payment until 2021. If you’ve always dreamed of owning a home, now might be the ideal time.

Here are some signs you might be ready to purchase your own home, according to Apartment Therapy.

1. You’re out of debt.
2. You have an emergency fund saved up.
3. You have a down payment saved up.

The minimum for an FHA loan is 3.5 percent of the purchase price. More than 5 percent will get you into a fixed-rate conventional loan (where you pay private mortgage insurance monthly). And if you can manage 20 percent, you’re in the very best shape to avoid fees altogether.

4. You have good credit.
5. You own a basic set of tools and know how to make small repairs.
6. Your current apartment doesn’t fit your needs.
7. Buying is a better deal for you where you live.
8. You love your city, and know you’ll stay there for at least 5 years.
9. You want this home for the life you have now: Don’t feel like you have to buy a home for some hypothetical future time when you get married and have 2.5 kids.
10. You are pre-approved for a loan.

Five Reasons You Should Stop Renting and Buy Your Own Home

- Cost Savings. Being a homeowner often means a lower monthly payment
- Investment Opportunity
- Cost Control
- Privacy
- Customization.

You might be able to own a home for less than you think and owning your own piece of heaven you’re in luck. Buying a home is one of the largest purchases you’ll likely ever make, yet one of the most rewarding. Pride of ownership aside, there are certain tax breaks you can receive when you own a home as well as predictable payments, investment in terms of appreciation, and more.



Beautiful NEW Homes for Sale

At Lamplighter Village, our new homes offer a multitude of floor plans with 2 and 3 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms with features like raised ceilings, fully equipped kitchens, walk-in closets, and a large covered front porch. To maximize energy efficiency, Thermopane windows, dense insulation and new appliances help lower your utility usage saving you money. Spacious, beautiful NEW homes in the mid 100’s. Financing options are also available for qualified buyers.

Beautiful community

Location is always a selling point when it comes to 55+ communities, and Lamplighter Village is no exception. We are just a 20-minute drive from Melbourne’s historic coastline,

considered by many in the area as the preferred destination for shopping, dining, and entertainment. Take in a show at the King Center for Performing Arts, visit the Kennedy Space Center, or spend an afternoon strolling down New Haven Avenue.

Lamplighter Village, a part of Cal-Am Properties, Inc., is a vibrant senior living community located in Melbourne, Florida. From attractive amenities and community events to manicured landscapes and natural lakes, it is our goal to provide you the lifestyle you deserve. Call us at 321.254.0303 or complete our online contact form to schedule a personal home and community tour. Ask us about our current specials!