

The Gator Gazette

The Official Newsletter of
Country Lakes Village Residents' Club
aka The "Fun" Club



OCTOBER, 2024

CLV Website: www.countrylakesvillage.com



September "Home of the Month"

The beautifully landscaped home of Sue and Charlie Eckert was chosen as the September "Home of the Month." The couple has incorporated a variety of plants and stone that compliment their neatly kept home. Congratulations, Sue and Charlie!

"Home of the Month" was initiated to encourage residents to take pride in their homes and their surroundings. Will your home be next?

Upcoming Meetings

7 p.m. Residents' Club Meeting
Wednesday, October 2, 2024
CLVI Clubhouse
Pizza Get Together at 6 p.m.

(All CLVI residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.)

6 p.m. HOA Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2024



Mermaids Entertain at Pool Party

The CLV Mermaids made a repeat performance at the August 17 Pool Party which featured a DJ and a Taco Bar. Mermaids showing off their water aerobic skills to the delight of those attending were, from left, front: Teena Lichtenberger, Barb Clymer, Virginia Weaver, Life Guard Dave Vossberg; back: Sandy Kessell, Sandy Vossberg, Barb Gough, Carol Nims and Sandy Porter. Well done, Ladies!

A Halloween-themed poster for a dance event. The background is black with white and orange illustrations of pumpkins, ghosts, and a witch. The text is in white and orange. It says "We're Having A Spooktacular Halloween Dance Thursday, Oct. 31 7-10 p.m. CLVI Clubhouse". It also mentions "Featuring the ALOHA SHARKS" and "BYOB!!". At the bottom, it says "Costume Contest! Prizes! Judges will be looking for Creativity and Innovation. Tickets are available from Host Carol Nims at Saturday Coffee or call 413-475-4768 or JOIN 324 Royal Palm Dr. US!".

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324 Royal Palm Dr. US!



Manager's Corner

October, 2024



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Emergency: 844-285-2099

Terry West
LCAM

Home of the Month Winners! Congratulations go out to the September "Home of the Month Winners!"

CLVI #254 Chuck & Sue Eckert & CLVII #2003 Gerry & Lillian Monteleone. Thank you for all your hard work to make your homes the pick of the month. Good luck to all trying to be chosen in coming months.

Gate Update: We know it sounds like a canned response but it really is fact- We have not been given a date yet when the gates will be operational but it will be in the near future. The gates will remain open during the day just like the old gates were. If you do not have a clicker, there will be the ability to enter a 4-digit code at the 2 main entry points. The 4-digit code is your lot number. If you have a 3 digit lot number then add a zero in front. **EXAMPLE- Lot 200 = 0200.** That is all we know as of this writing. When we know more, you will be apprised.

WELCOME BACK SNOWBIRDS. Our seasonal residents are returning. Just a reminder-Let the office know when you return to the park. Thank you.

Social media: Please note that with the newly adapted rule that was mailed to everyone in both parks is in effect now in CLVI and will be effective on November 1, 2024 in CLVII. It states that **NO** anonymous posts are allowed to be posted; **NO** negative comments toward management or other residents can be posted. Please abide by this new rule as you should all other posted and approved rules of the community.

Inoperative vehicles: No junk, inoperative or unlicensed vehicles may be used or parked in the community at any time. Owners will be given a 24 hour notice for removal prior to it being towed at their expense.

Pet Owners: Make sure to obey all rules regarding pets including do not walk your pet on any other Homeowners lot or in the amenity areas. Dog parks are provided on your own lot but pick up immediately after your pet.

Speed limit: Please drive slowly thru the communities. Our streets in the parks are not a thoroughfare. It is private property and speed limit signs are posted everywhere. **Please observe the 15 mph Speed Limit for Safety of All.** Also please DO NOT cut thru the community clubhouse lots to cut off a few seconds. There are always people milling about so if not going to the community clubhouse specifically, please avoid the lots.




Rain: The summer has brought record rainfall that soaked the community. Lawn mowing with a wet community resulted in mud tracks (depressions) that will go away after a few days. While regrettable, the community must be mowed and over all the community aesthetics are better for it. For those of you who enjoy complaining about it, relax, it has happened in the past and will happen again.

The paver driveways that were installed, need occasional maintenance by each homeowner. Placing **polymeric sand in the joints regularly provides optimal joint stabilization, in addition to preventing weed growth.** It holds installations together more homogeneously than conventional jointing materials. Polymeric sand is a very hostile environment for weeds and pest infestations (such as ants). You can buy it at Lowes or Home Depot or Ace.

**Look forward, NOT back!
Forward is the future and what can be.**



**Join Us for a
Pizza Get-Together**
6 p.m.
Wednesday, October 2
Prior to the Residents' Club Meeting
which begins at 7 p.m.



There will be Pizza, Salad, Tea & Coffee Served.

Come and enjoy the pizza! Stay for the Residents' Club Meeting to keep abreast of what fun events are planned for this new season.

Hope to See You All There!

Country Lakes Village Residents' Club aka The "Fun" Club



OCTOBER, 2024

residentsclub5700@gmail.com

Jennettie Lierman

2024-2025 President

Board Members: Kendal Taylor, V.P. & Treasurer; Martha Fleckerman, interim secretary; Donna Corcoran, Historian; Directors: Sandy Gilbertson, Tony Yonak and Jay Henry.

Witches, Vampires, Monsters of all sizes, Bats and Mummies are getting ready to move into the Clubhouse. They will be all dressed up for the Aloha Sharks to perform for the first time at our clubhouse and to see how the rest of us dress for the night. Carol Nims will host along with her crew of Goblins that hallow night. Page 1 has your information if you dare to spend the evening with them.

Kevin Brooks had to cancel his show in September because of health issues. If you would like to send him well wishes, this is his address. Kevin Brooks, 906 Tangelo Place, Brandon, FL 33510.

For our first Residents Meeting in October we are having a "Pizza Get-Together". Arrive at 6 p.m. on the 2nd of October. We will have pizza from Ferraro's Italian Grille and salad. Your meeting will start as usual at 7 p.m. Page 2 has all the details for you.

We will also have an election to fill the Vice President and Secretary's positions at the Residents Club meeting in October.

October's Potluck is Friday, the 4th. Find specifics on Page 8.

Virginia Weaver hosted Ladies Lunch at Waypoint Grille in September. First time for us to have the Ladies Lunch there. Delicious!

This month Sandy Kessell and Sandy Porter are hosting lunch at the Lazy Ballerina on Wednesday, October 9. See Page 8 for all the details.

Last month Debbie and Sam Vinion hosted Dine Out at Pesto Bistro and Wine Bar in Bradenton. Rocco, of the new Rocco's Italian Restaurant, was not yet open so the Pesto Bistro allowed Italian chef Rocco to cook for us. Rocco still has his Italian touch in YUMMY!

Please call, contact or let one of us (Steve Littleton or Mike and Jennettie Lierman) know where you are taking us to the last Dine Out of the summer, Wednesday, October 16, 4:30 p.m. Steve, Mike, and I are so excited and can't wait to see where you will be taking us.

ADDED EVENT. Music Bingo with the talented and beautiful Juanita is all set for Thursday, October 24, 7-9 p.m. Mike and Jennettie Lierman are hosting.

Kelvin Sampson is asking for volunteers to drive and pick up donuts at Turner's Donuts for Saturday Coffee Hour. Pick up donuts around 7 a.m. located at 902 9th Ave W, Bradenton.

Then deliver donuts to CLVII Clubhouse then to our Clubhouse. Kelvin and Barb Clymer have set up with Joanne in CLVII that we switch driving every other month. When CLVII picks up donuts, they will deliver them to our Clubhouse.

November is CLVI's turn to pick up donuts for the month. The Sign-up sheet for driving is on the same page as you volunteer to make coffee.

Event calendars are posted and the calendar in this newsletter lists the "FUN" activities going on in the community.

That's all for now. Have the best day you can!

Safety Reminder: Please remember to lock your car, your house and secure bicycles, golf carts 24/7 and especially when you are not home. This advice was re-enforced by Deputy Justin Warren of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Wanted:

Cookie Fairies

Asking for donations of cookies (2-3 Dozen)



**For Memorial Services of
CLVI Residents held
at the CLVI Clubhouse**

Can You Help?

It's hard enough for those who have lost loved ones. Having friends and neighbors help with just a cookie donation at a planned memorial service would be so appreciated.

If you can help by donating 2-3 dozen cookies when necessary, Please add you name and phone number to the sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse or contact Sandy Gilbertson, 941-504-0121

MOVING FORWARD

Bob Miller, owner of Country Lakes Villages, has an Advisory Board in place, comprised of residents from both parks: CLVI-Sandy Gilbertson, Sue Eckert and Bruce Steltzer; CLVII-Sue Dibble and Bree Borders with Dave Vossberg, Chairperson.

The Advisory Board continues to bring residents' concerns to the attention of the owner and management.

Just a reminder that we will have several openings on the board. There is an application form within this publication. Please consider applying for these openings if you feel you can objectively bring issues and concerns from residents to the Advisory Board.

As of the deadline of this publication, we have not yet met for this month. We will include updates from this month's meeting in next month's newsletter.

When the Advisory Board was initially formed, it included equal representation from both communities. Through attrition that balance has shifted. Currently there are two board members from CLVII, three board members from CLVI and myself (Dave Vossberg) as Chairman, also from CLVI; however, I do not have a vote when the board needs to vote on items.

We, as a board, would like to have the balance restored to equal representation from both communities. So please consider applying for a position on the board so we may restore this balance. Applications need to be submitted to Dave Vossberg by October 14, 2024, to be considered for an open position.

Through the Advisory Board, resident issues are facilitated with Terry West, manager. A form has been created so that your concerns can be submitted in writing to any board member. Forms are available in both clubhouses, from any board member and within this publication. With Mr. Miller's approval, issues submitted to the board are those which affect more than one household. You are advised to deal individually with Terry West, manager, for personal issues.

The annual review of Rules and Regulations are done with the Resident Advisory Board. Other responsibilities include the revue and approval of social funds, the direction of improvements in the parks, along with other issues that may arise.

Advisory Board Working For You Residents' Link to Management

The Advisory Board has adopted a new rule regarding its directors. Each Advisory Board member may serve two consecutive one-year terms and then cannot serve/reapply for one year after those two terms. This is being done to promote diversity and transparency.

Items brought to Management on August 21, 2024:

Railing covers on pools and hot tubs in CLVI and CLVII: Terry will order and install covers in both parks. (As of 9/11/2024 this is complete.)

Entry lights at CLVII are not all working and need attention: 8/21/2024 Terry will have maintenance look at the lights and repair.

We would like to have maintenance check clocks at both clubhouses for correct time and battery replacement. Terry will have maintenance periodically check clocks and replace batteries as necessary.

Ice machine in CLVI status: A new ice machine has been installed.

We would like a trash receptacle in the area of the large Tiki Hut and Cornhole Court. One will be placed in the Tiki Hut area. (Completed as of 8/21/2024).

Additional Pool Chairs-CLVII. As of 9/10/2024 new chairs have arrived.

Hot Tub Resurfacing I and II: 8/21/2024 Terry continues to send emails to have bids approved. Maintenance will begin cleaning hot tubs weekly. They are both in good working order but need resurfacing.

Parking Violation in CLVI: 8/21/2024 Violators have been notified and as of this date are not parking in the lots. Terry will continue to monitor. **Completed**



Thank You for Recycling!

**Containers have been conveniently located near the mailboxes in both Communities to make it easier for our residents to Recycle paper, cans, etc. (No Trash).
Thank You!**

Submitted by Dave Vossberg, Advisory Chairperson, who is committed to keeping our residents advised of the status of concerns submitted to the Advisory Board.



MOVING FORWARD

By Dave Vossberg
OCTOBER, 2024

RESIDENTS' ADVISORY BOARD TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR OPENINGS

The Advisory Board has a new chairperson. Dave Vossberg was appointed by Mr. Miller to replace Cheryl Koepke, who resigned.

The board is currently accepting applications for open board member positions. Four positions need to be filled. The decisions will be made by the board in early November. New board members will assume their duties at the November 12 board meeting.

Below are the questions which need to be answered and submitted to Dave Vossberg by October 14, 2024 to be considered for an open position.

Required answers include the following: (Please number your answers to match the items.)

(1) NAME

(2) FL ADDRESS

(3) EMAIL ADDRESS

(4) PHONE NO

(5) DATE YOU BECAME A RESIDENT OF COUNTRY LAKES

(6) ARE YOU A FULL-TIME RESIDENT? _____ YES _____ NO

(7) STATE WHY YOU WANT TO BE A BOARD MEMBER.

(8) ARE YOU ABLE TO LOOK FORWARD IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR PARKS WITH NO PERSONAL AGENDA? PLEASE EXPLAIN.

(9) WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO ABIDE BY A CONSENSUS VOTE REGARDING A TOPIC THAT YOU DISAGREE WITH. IF NOT, PLEASE EXPLAIN. (Consensus Definition: A decision reached from input by each member toward a decision that can be supported by every person in the group. Each member agrees to support and not speak out regarding the decision.

(10) IF YOU ARE A PART-TIME RESIDENT, WOULD YOU STAY ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY ISSUES WHILE YOU ARE NOT PHYSICALLY PRESENT? HOW WOULD YOU ACHIEVE THIS?

(11) ARE YOU ABLE TO DISCUSS ISSUES AND CONCERNS AND SEPARATE YOUR PERSONAL VIEWS WHEN REACHING A DECISION THAT MAY NOT BE LIKED OR SUPPORTED (BY FRIENDS, MINORITY GROUPS, SOCIAL MEDIA SITES)? PLEASE EXPLAIN.

(12) CAN YOU COMMIT TO KEEPING BOARD DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE BOARD (NO DISCUSSION OUTSIDE BOARD MEMBERSHIP)?

(13) DO YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT LONG ENOUGH TO BE OBJECTIVE TO ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE? EXPLAIN HOW YOU ARE AN ACTIVE AND INVOLVED RESIDENT.

(14) AS A SMALL GROUP DECISION-MAKING TEAM MEMBER, ARE YOU ABLE AND WILLING TO LISTEN TO ALL OPINIONS AND TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS WITH **PATIENCE WHEN VARYING VIEWS AND CONCERNS ARE BEING EXPRESSED?**

Mike's Walking Count

1, 2, 3...

By Mike Lierman



Mike's Count:

Fred and I have been seeing shadows in the early morning flying up above and walking on the streets of CLVI. That can only mean, it's almost time for Halloween! As Fred and I walk close together, we keep smiling.

Lot 509's cactus has 43 blooms getting ready to flower and Lot 324's cactus has 14 blooms getting ready to flower. The flowers are so pretty at night and very early in the morning.

We are up to 50 golf carts of many sizes and colors, 30 American flags proudly waving in the wind at our homes. 8 motorcycles are parked throughout the park and 11 green parrots squawking and flying overhead. 18 houses for sale.



Pot Luck

Friday, October 4

CLVI Clubhouse

Bring your favorite dish or dessert and Join Us for a Social Time, 5 p.m.; Eat at 6.

We Hope to See You There!



October Dine-Out

Wednesday, Oct. 16
4:30 p.m.

Watch the Bulletin Board for Information on the Restaurant and Host

This is the last Dine-Out of the Season



It's Back! Music Bingo

With Singing Host
Juanita!

**Thursday, October 24
7-9 p.m.**

Music Bingo is back with our singing Music Bingo Host **Juanita!** Our clubhouse will be filled with Music, Singing and a little Dancing as we play **Music Bingo** with our friends and neighbors! Jennettie and Mike Lierman are hosting this event.

BYOB. Snacks will be Provided.

Tickets will be available at Saturday coffee or by contacting hosts Jennettie or Mike at 618-303-3501 or at 509 Kapok Drive.

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SUNSHINE REPORT

Jennettie Lierman
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Bring a little Sunshine to Someone's Day

Obituaries:

Gussie Frame, Lot 532, passed away from health issues on August 16 in Hospice Care. Bob and Gussie were married for many years of happiness. They met at work and that was that. Gussie was full of life and always had a smile for everyone. Before Gussie got sick this last time, her BFF Cheryl Combs, Lot 544, were riding their scooters along with their floaties to the pool for sunshine and play time in the water. Please keep Gussie, Bob and their families in your prayers. We will miss you, Gussie.



Don Renaldo, Lot 316, passed away August 21, 2024, from health issues. Betty Sagraves was by his side. They loved and cared for each other for 5+ years. With the help of Sandy Gilbertson, Betty will plan a Celebration of Life for Don in the near future. Don's burial service was held on September 17 at Sarasota Memorial Park. What can you say about Don, he was a unique individual. Many residents knew Don from the early years in the community and have a few stories. I have known Don for 9 years and that Don was different from Don back then. He always had a twinkle in his eyes to match his smile. Please say a prayer for Don, Betty, Buster the dog and family. Don is no longer confused or in any pain.



Well Wishes to Snowbirds:

Linda Caton, 8462 Chesterfield Dr, Swartz Creek, MI 48473, **Jerry Caton**, 9176 Norbury Dr, Swartz Creek, MI 48473. **Chris Hetrick**, 208 O'Connell St, Fox Lake, WI 53933-0421. **Mike Shaft** 2185 Mitchell Rd, Williamston, MI 48895. **Mary Wright**, Lot 341.

Do you remember **Tony & Susie Yonak's granddaughter Gracie**? Well she has started college at Ohio University, Athens where she plans to pursue a degree in occupational therapy. Good luck, Gracie, enjoy your next years of campus life. You have grown to be a beautiful woman inside and out.

Well Wishes in Sunny Florida: **Rebecca Colby** Lot 717; **Marty Corcoran**, Lot 511; **Faye Couch** Lot 524; **Wayne Doyle** Lot 517; **Tom Gafner** Lot 268; **Greg Kasch** Lot 552; **Ellen Lewis** Lot 507; **Bill Pearce** Lot 505; **Bertha & Kelvin Sampson** Lot 321, **Dave & Judy Smith** Lot 905; **Debbie, Sam Vinion & Sam Jr**, Lot 238

Carol Wagstaff, Lot 201, the melanoma has returned. Please say an extra prayer for her and Carol's family.

Sue Myer will have a "Celebration of Life" for her beloved husband, Tom Meyer. The community is invited to attend on Saturday, October 19, 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse. No RSVP is necessary. If you are interested in baking cookies, check out Page 3 to become a "Cookie Fairies" with Sandy Gilbertson.

Kevin Brooks, one of our favorite entertainers at the Clubhouse had surgery on September 9. If you would like to send him well wishes, his address is 906 Tangelo Place, Brandon, FL 33510.

"No Postage Needed" is in the clubhouse hallway. You can leave a card in the appropriate slot (by last name) for your greeting and not pay for postage.

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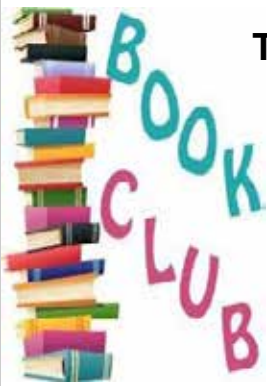
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Thursday, September 19

3 p.m. CLVI Library

For Information on the
New Book check the
Clubhouse Bulletin Board

Questions?
Call Sandy Gilbertson,
941-504-0121



Come, Join Us!
Wednesday, October 9
11:30 a.m.

Lazy Ballerina Bistro

2715 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton

Hosting are Sandy Kessell & Sandy Porter

Sign-up sheet is in Clubhouse Hallway



Pickleball

Instruction is Available

Weekdays 8:30 a.m.
at CLVII Pickleball Courts or
CLVI by Appointment

For Further Info, Call Carol Nims, 413-475-4768
or Gail Doherty, 941-962-0834

For those who don't have their own equipment, the
Park's equipment is stored in the cabinet at the shuffle-
board court. Your Clubhouse key fits the lock.



Ping Pong
CLVI Clubhouse

*If anyone is interested in playing
Ping Pong in the Clubhouse, please call
Jennettie Lierman, 618-303-3501*

Country Lakes Village Homeowners Association, Inc. (HOA)

Board: Dona Turgeon - President, Cathy Kasch - Vice President, Vicki Conde - Secretary
Phyllis Romanelli - Treasurer, Directors: Lynn Turgeon, Art Knight, Tom Frabott

Country Lakes Village I Homeowners Association, Inc. (HOA) - Homeowners Membership Application

Dues: \$10/yr, per lot. Return application with dues to Cathy Kasch, 552 Kapok. Questions? 941-417-7021.

Lot# _____ Street Name _____

First/Last Name: _____

First/Last Name: _____

***Email Addr _____**

**It's important to include your email address as this is how we communicate with you*

Cell _____ Other _____

(Check one): Permanent _____ Snowbird _____

By submitting this form and paying dues, you consent to become member(s) of the Country Lakes Village Homeowners Association, Inc. (HOA), in accordance with Florida Statutes, Sections 723.075 and 723.078, 723.0615.

HOA Office Use Only

Membership: New _____ Renewal _____ Received by: _____

Date Dues Received: _____ Amount: _____ Years paid for: _____ Cash _____ Check _____

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January 3-12, 2025, Royal Caribbean "Serenade of the Seas" 7-day cruise. Leave from Tampa. Visit Costa Rica, Colon Panama, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico.



Day Trips:

December 19, 2024 Christmas at BOK TOWER, Lake Wales, where you can walk through many garden trails, tour El Tetro mansion, enjoy on a beach listening to the singing Carillon Bells every 1/2 hour and there's a restaurant and gift shop. We will be sharing a bus with Tera Ceia and a sign up sheet will be on your travel board in November.



January 31, 2025 Buddy Holly Story and his 50's music at Broadway Palms in Ft. Myers. We will have our own full bus.

Other trips being planned: Space Kennedy Center in February, 2025 and a Calypso Breeze luncheon and Music Day Cruise in March, 2025.

Watch your newsletter and Travel Board for more info on upcoming travel.

CLV Representatives: Larry & Bev Smith
 607-742-9949 email bevseneca@gmail.com
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Let us
Entertain
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Fall is here! The weather is cooling down but we have planned some events to keep us moving:

>> >> **Music Bingo** is back with our singing Music Bingo host, Juanita! Thursday, October 24, 7-9 p.m. our clubhouse will be filled with music, singing and a little dancing as we play Music Bingo with our friends and neighbors! Bring your own beverages (BYOB). Snacks will be provided. Tickets are available from Jennettie or Mike Lierman at Saturday coffee, at 509 Kapok Dr. or call 618-303-3501.

>> Get your costumes ready for a Spooktacular **Halloween Dance** on Thursday, October 31 from 7-10 p.m. Join us for an evening of fun and frivolity as we introduce a new band, Aloha Sharks! There will be a Costume Contest with prizes so come prepared! Bring your own beverages (BYOB). Snacks will be provided. Tickets are available from Carol Nims at Saturday Coffee Hour, at 324 Royal Palm Dr. or at 413-475-4768.

>> Monday, November 11, we will be honoring our Veterans at a **Veterans Day luncheon**. Clubhouse doors will open at 10:30 a.m. Come enjoy a program followed by a delicious lunch of Pulled Pork, Smoked Turkey, sides and dessert from Hickory Hollow.  Bring your own Beverage (BYOB). Tickets will be available from Cece or Buddy Rogers at Saturday Coffee Hour, at 816 Banyan Drive, or by calling 315-430-4684.

>> Our **Fall Dance** on Saturday, November 16 from 7-10 p.m. will see the return of George Durham. George and his friends will be sure to get you up and dancing. Bring your own beverages (BYOB) and enjoy a night of music and dancing with your friends and neighbors. Tickets will be available mid-October from Sue or Charlie Eckert at Saturday Coffee Hour, at 254 Country Lakes Boulevard, or by calling 724-776-9209.

>> Come join us at our **Thanksgiving luncheon** on Thursday, November 28. Social hour will be from noon - 1 p.m. followed by a delicious traditional turkey dinner prepared by the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Sarasota. Bring your own beverage (BYOB). Tickets will be available at the end of October from Cheryl or Rick Koepke at Saturday Coffee Hour, at 1011 Cypress Circle, or at 941-281-0971.

Come, Enjoy these Special Events!

Honoring Our Veterans
Veterans Day Luncheon
Monday, November 11
 Doors Open at 10:30 a.m.
 Program Begins at 11 a.m.

Delicious Lunch served at
 12:45 p.m.: Pulled Pork,
 Smoked Turkey, Sides &
 Dessert from Hickory Hollow
 BYOB

Everyone Welcome!

Tickets will be available from
 Cece or Buddy Rogers at
 Saturday Coffee Hour,
 at 816 Banyan Dr., or
 at 315-430-4684

Attention, Veterans

We are working to keep a current list of Veterans living in Country Lakes Village I. In doing so we ask that new residents and current residents who are not on our revised Veterans' roll to call Jay 540-424-1408 or Betty Henry 540-229-2100, Martha Ackerman 740-213-3344 with your service information as soon as possible.

Each year Veterans are honored at our annual Veterans Day celebration.

Thank You!



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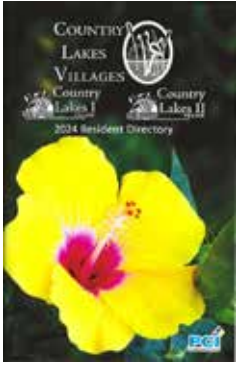
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We are constantly updating the 2024 Residents' Directory throughout the year.

Do you have changes?

If so, please contact Martha Ackerman, 740-213-3344, marfre66@gmail.com or Betty Henry, 540-229-2100, dealbtty@aol.com

Changes may include additions or corrections to your phone numbers, please designate home or cell phone numbers and who the Primary user is for the cell phones; northern address, if you are a snowbird; the state you hail from; etc.

Betty is now updating information for the 2025 directory. Deadline is December 31, 2024 for the 2025 directory.



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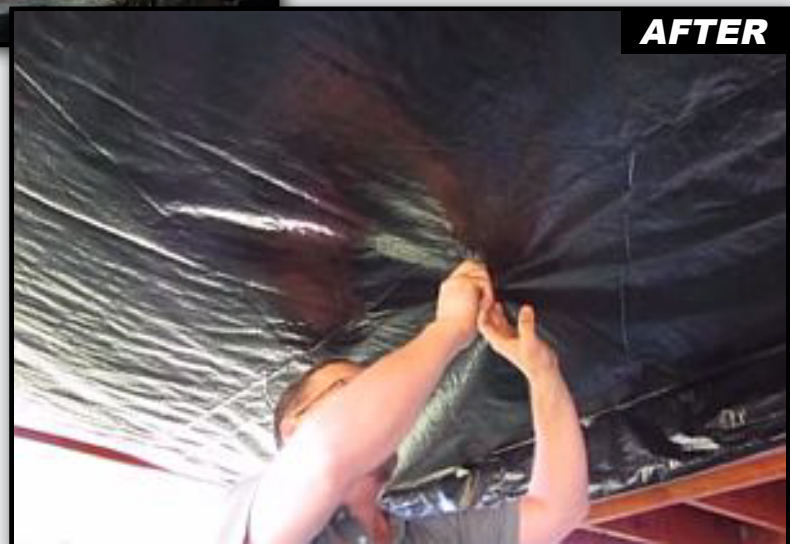
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
		1 B: Debi Burns	2 B: Edgar Neal 6pm Pizza Get-Together 7pm Residents Club Meeting	3 B: Bertha Sampson	4 B: Aba Garrison, Sharon Shaft 5 – Social Hour 6 – Potluck Dinner	5 B: Pat Nadeau MC – Martha Ackerman	Sunday 1–Bridge Monday 8:30 Pickleball (M-F) CLVII 9-Exercises (M-F) 9:30-Pool Exercises (M-F) 6:30-Euche Tuesday 9:30-Shuffleboard 1-Dominos Wednesday 8:30-Pickleball by appt CLVI 12-Bridge 1:30 Ping Pong Thursday 10-Line Dance Beginners 1-Quilting—Knitting & Crochet Group Friday 11 - Zumba Saturday 8:00-Coffee 9:30-Spite & Malice 1:30-Dominos
6 B: Bill Rank, Marilyn Croyla, Valentino Castro	7 A: Ed & Connie Queen, 1963	8 B: Cynady Terry 6 PM – HOA Board Meeting Library	9 B: Gary Hudson, Stephanie Levin 11:30 LADIES LUNCH – Lazy Ballerina	10	11	12 MC – Jennettie Lierman	
13 B: Bill Dichazi	14	15 B: Cheryl Combs 6 PM - HOA General Meeting	16 B: Jerry Caton, Laura McGee, Howard Peterson 4:30 DINE OUT	17 3pm Book Club Library	18 B: Gary Kessell	19 A: Kendal & Christine Taylor 2002 2pm Tom Meyer's Celebration of Life MC – Jay Henry	
20	21 B: Nancy Smith	22 B: Daphne Smith	23	24 7-9pm MUSIC BINGO w/Juanita	25 B: MaryAnn Layhew A: Debi & Rory Burns 1969	26 MC – Kendal Taylor	
27 B: Kelvin Sampson	28 B: Dale Hetrick	29 B: Bob Frame 11:30 GOING TO THE MOVIES	30 B: Sandy Porter, Donna Rupe	31 B: Susan Schieferstein 7-10pm HALLOWEEN DANCE with Aloha Sharks			
<p>FOR CALENDAR CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS, CONTACT JENNETTIE LIERMAN, 618-303-3501, residentsclub5700@gmail.com</p>							

NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
					1 B: Keith Hansberger, Randy Harris	2	Sunday 1 - Bridge Monday 8:30 Pickleball (M-F) CLVII 9-Exercises (M-F) 9:30-Pool Exercises (M-F) 6:30-Euchre Tuesday 9:30-Shuffleboard 1-Dominoes Wednesday 8:30-Pickleball by apt CLVI 12-Bridge 1:30 Ping Pong Thursday 10-Line Dance Beginners 1-Quilting – Knitting & Crochet Group Friday 11 - Zumba Saturday 8:00-Coffee 9:30-Spite & Malice 1:30-Dominoes
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	9am Residents Club Board mtg, Library	<i>B: Jean Meier</i>	<i>B: Sherry VanZeyl</i> 6:30 – COFFEE 7 PM – RESIDENTS’ CLUB MEETING			MC–Sandy Gilbertson	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
<i>B: Jeff Podfield</i>	<i>B: Mary DeYoung</i> Veterans’ Day Lunch 10:30 Doors Open 11:00 Program 12:30 Lunch	6pm HOA Board Meeting, Library	<i>B: Pat Dunn</i> 11:30 LADIES’ LUNCH	<i>B: Connie Queen, Brian Maland</i>	<i>B: Pamela DeMarco</i>	MC–Jennette Lierman 7-10pm DANCE w/ GEORGE DURHAM	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
<i>B: Arthur Knight</i>		6pm – HOA General Meeting	<i>A: Fred & Martha Ackerman 1965</i>	3pm Book Club Library		<i>A: David & Sandy Frabott 1984</i> MC–Jay Henry	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
<i>B: Jeffrey Graham, Robert Owens</i>	<i>B: Frank Fox</i>	<i>B: Donna Butterfield</i> GOING TO THE MOVIES, 11:30 am, Clubhouse	<i>B: Mel Kaprol, Janet Love</i>	<i>B: James Williams</i> THANKSGIVING LUNCH Noon DOORS OPEN 1pm LUNCH	<i>B: Debbie McKee</i>	MC–Kendal Taylor	

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Marty Corcoran, shown with his wife Donna, enjoyed a birthday visit from the flock of Pink Flamingos.



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To schedule a pink flamingo visit, call either Barb Clymer at 419-966-0097 or Betty Henry at 540-229-2100 (Oct.-May).

Suggested donations are: \$15 for 10 birds or \$10 for 5 birds which will be placed at the home of the person being surprised the evening before the occasion and they will remain there until the following day.

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Volunteers are always needed to either host or help with food and clean-up after the social events. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Judy MacInness, 517-231-0388; Sandy Gilbertson, 941-504-0121 or Jennette Lierman, 618-303-3501



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Hosting an Event.....How hard is it?

The Food Committee and Entertainment Committee have spent a lot of time planning events for the upcoming season at CLVI. A calendar of events are scheduled. We have already signed contracts with entertainers and worked out menus with caterers. Now we need some help with hosting these events.

Hosting an event is a good way to meet other residents in our park and it's pretty easy. Here are the main duties of a Host:

1. Collect the money, keep a list of those purchasing tickets and distribute tickets for the event. The tickets are printed and provided to you by the Committee sponsoring the event.
2. Set up tables in the clubhouse for the event and clean up after the event. We have volunteers who are happy to help.
3. Confirm the band or caterer and give them the payment.

Volunteers Needed Please look at the list of upcoming events and let us know which event you would be willing to host! Contact Judy MacInness 517-231-0388 for Entertainment events and Christine Taylor, 231-838-3733 or Sandy Gilbertson, 941-504-0121, for Food events.



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There is a lot of light conversation (much of the time focusing on food and restaurants) and laughter when ladies (and gentlemen) get together, so the 45-minute routine goes fast. Pool exercise is always easier on the muscles than gym exercise.

If you aren't open to morning exercise, you can always join those who enjoy an afternoon in the sun. The pool is heated and there's a hot tub for you to relax and massage those tired muscles.

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Calendar Listings of Birthdays & Anniversaries

We have started calendar listings of birthdays directly from the office records.

If you do not wish to have your birthday listed, email Jennettie Lierman, 618-303-3501 to notify her of your wishes or email: residentsclub5700@gmail.com

If you wish to have your anniversary listed, please send it via same means listed above.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Need Program to Share Durable Medical Equipment

Volunteer Needed

Due to illness, Terri Maiore, who with Chris Hetrick, began this Durable Medical Equipment program, needs someone to take over the program. If you are interested, please call Terri at 724-799-0061.

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- > Loves wearing a leash.
- > Loves running wild in the dog park.
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Coffee Hosts are needed for Saturday Mornings. It's easy but if you haven't done it before, someone will show you the ropes. Two volunteers are needed each week. Sign-up sheet is in the Club-house bulletin board. Contact Kelvin Sampson, 202-345-8642 to volunteer.

As the "Season" continues, the Entertainment and Food Committees are in need of Volunteers to host and help with the many upcoming events planned for the coming months. Volunteers are Needed!

Entertainment news is always posted in the Gator Gazette. Watch for Volunteer Opportunities under that header.

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SCAM ALERT

Family Scams

Scammers are good at **pretending to be someone that they're not**. They try to trick you into thinking **a loved one is in trouble**.

Once the scammer makes you think they're your grandson and in trouble, they pressure you to quickly send them money. **But it's all a scam.**

Your family member was never in trouble.

- The scammer will say it's **urgent** and that you're the only one who can help.
- The scammer might tell you it's **important to keep it secret**. They don't want you talking to other family members and friends and realizing it's a scam.
- The scammers will **play with your emotions**. They're counting on you to act quickly to help your family or friend. And they're counting on you to pay without stopping to check out whether there's really an emergency. If you get a call like this, you can be sure this is a scam.

Slow down. Verify.



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Example of a Family Emergency Scam Call

Hi Grandpa, it's me.

Sebastian? Is that you?

Yes, it's me, Sebastian. Grandpa, I'm in trouble, and I need money for bail.

What happened?

Please don't tell Mom or Dad. I'll get in so much trouble.

Please help me!

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Recycling Information

Did you know we have a recycling bin in our clubhouse? It's located in the corner in the kitchen and we would like to encourage our residents to use it for items that can be recycled....not for trash.

Here's a quick reminder of some items to put in our Recycling bin after events in the clubhouse:

- >> Paper, including junk mail, envelopes and magazines
- >> Greeting cards and brown paper bags
- >> Box board, like cereal and cracker boxes
- >> Cardboard (if broken down)
- >> Empty Glass bottles and jars
- >> Empty Aluminum and steel cans
- >> Empty Plastic bottles/containers (with no food residual)
- >> Empty Milk and Juice cartons

Please Do Not put these common kitchen items in Recycling:

- >> Garbage
- >> Plastic Bags or tablecloths
- >> Styrofoam
- >> Sandwich bags, Saran Wrap, Shrink Wrap
- >> Any item with food or liquid still in or on them

We now have a Blue Recycling Bin from Manatee County that is kept by the mailboxes outside. The Indoor Recycling bin is located just inside the kitchen entrance. The Park Maintenance Crew will move the bin out to be picked up when needed.

Thank you for your cooperation with this renewed effort. Let's see how much Recycling we can do in order to reduce the trash in our Landfills!

Signs of a Stroke ... BE FAST!

B: Balance. Sudden loss of balance

E: Eyes. Sudden trouble seeing out of one or both eyes.

F: Face. Sudden weakness in one side of the face.

A. Arm. Sudden weakness in one arm or leg.

S: Speech. Sudden loss of speech

T: Time to call 911!

SCAM ALERT



Are you really the Lucky Winner?

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Items to be submitted to the Board are those which affect more than one household.

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