



## Newsletter For Country Lakes Village II

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### **RESIDENTS' ACTIVITY COMMITTEE (RAC)**

*Kevin Karcher, RAC President*

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. If you are here at CLVII, at your summer home, or like many of us vacationing and visiting family we will all make memories that will last a lifetime

Some folks celebrated the 4th of July with a party at the clubhouse. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a great event. We still have some fun events planned for the summer.

We can always use some additional help with our summer events since several people are away. If you can assist call a board member. Our phone numbers are in the directory.

I would like to remind all of you that if you see something that may be suspicious, call the Sheriff's non-emergency at 941-747-3011, ext 2260. If you see something that requires immediate attention please call 911. As a retired police officer, I am sure the police would be happy to investigate a situation sooner rather than later.

Please support this great community and get involved.

Sincerely,

Kevin Karcher  
RAC President



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# HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA)

Theresa Stevens, HOA President



Hello everyone, we are definitely in the heat of the summer, I hope everyone is staying cool and hydrated. I personally love this time of the year which is why I moved here. We had a good amount of people venture out into the heat for our last HOA Meeting and we will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of every month. They are making progress on the front gates, the paver's on the turn around have been installed which eliminates the standing water. I am not sure when they will have it completed. They are making progress with the pool water leak, the edge of the road has been dry for over a week. Yay! I have not heard back from Terry West about fixing the threshold on the side entrance by the mailboxes. The fix will make it easier to bring wheelchairs into the clubhouse. We have a printable PDF for anyone interested in filing Homestead paperwork. Remember this is different than the homestead a person files when they own the property. If you have any questions you can contact me or Deb Williams. Have a fun-filled August and I will see you all at the next HOA Meeting on August 7th.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Stevens, HOA President

## CLVII HOA Board of Directors:

- Theresa Stevens – President
- Bill Bazydlo – Vice President
- Jennifer Berglund – Treasurer
- Deb Williams – Secretary
- Craig Taunt – Director
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- Jackie Russell – Director



# FROM THE MANAGEMENT

## News from the Managers Desk

Terry West, CLV Community Manager

### Home of the Month Winners!

Congratulations go out to the July Home of the Month Winners!

**CLV1-#274 Margaret Harness & CLV2-#2082-Shirley & Jennifer Berglund.**

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 the coming months.

### Political Signs, banners and/or flags.

– Per the Rules these items are allowed to be displayed ONLY for NATIONAL elections and may NOT be placed in the yard or on home more than 60 days before the national election day. 2024 National election day is 11/5/24 so no signs may be placed before 9/6/24. No signs, flags, or banners are allowed to be displayed where visible for any other local or state elections, only the NATIONAL Presidential election.

**Reminder on lamp posts:** per the rules & regulations of the park; each home is required to have an operational lamppost that must be illuminated during evening hours (dusk to dawn) and must be operational year around. Please make sure that your lamppost is in compliance.

**Hurricane preparedness** It is hurricane season, so anything that could become a projectile, will need to be stored or secured for the safety of all.

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**Inoperative vehicles:** Per current rules effective 3/1/2022 “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.

**Yards and homes:** Please make arrangements to have your home cleaned and beds weeded as summer means mold and weeds. Failure to do so will result in a 14-day notice to cure, followed by staff doing the work and your account being charged if not done timely. This includes properly disposing of the pulled weeds, not just letting the yard waste linger on your lawn creating dead spots as this will be cleared by staff if needed and charged to the offending resident. Garbage or yard waste may not be placed on the street any earlier than 4 PM the night before scheduled pick up. Violations of this rule have resulted in Country Lakes staff removing the items and charging the resident. The intent is to minimize the amount of time we have to look at trash or refuse.

**Gate Update-** As of this writing, we still have not been given a firm date yet when they will be operational but hopefully, we will in the in the near future. As of now they will be open during the day just like the old gates were. There will be ability to enter a 4-digit code at the 2 main entry points if you **do not** have your clicker. **The 4 digit is your lot number. If you have a 3-digit lot number then add a zero in front. EXAMPLE- Lot 200 = 0200.** There will be either the pound (#) key or the star (\*) key preceding the 4 digit or after, we have not been apprised as of now. This information should NOT be given out to anyone that is NOT a resident. Visitors will be able to find the person they are

looking for in the call box directory that will be located at the main entrance to each park and call them on that call box. When the resident picks up they will be able to remotely open the gates from their phone that is being called. That continues to be all we know as of this writing. Any update will be circulated via email & on Facebook. We still have clickers in stock for those that have not gotten one. \$20 check or money order made payable to Country Lakes for the deposit of each clicker.

**Parking-** There is no overnight parking allowed at the clubhouses or on any street. Steve White Towing has been authorized to patrol the communities at night and tow any violators. Hopefully, this will discourage this practice.

***“Don’t let yesterday take up too much of today” – Will Rogers***



*Newby Management chose Shirley and Jennifer Berglund’s home for the July Home of the Month. Congratulations to Shirley and Jennifer on their beautiful home.*



<p>1</p> <p>OMG, have you heard the great news? Sewell's Plumbing Services is now doing A/C!</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Really? That's great, but I have an A/C guy...</p> 	<p><b>SEWELL'S PLUMBING NOW DOES HVAC INSTALLATION AND REPAIRS!</b></p> <p><b>941-794-6497</b></p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>SEWELL'S PLUMBING SERVICES <b>\$50 OFF YOUR FIRST HVAC SERVICE</b></p> <p><small>*CAN NOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER OFFERS* *MUST PRESENT COUPON AT THE TIME OF SERVICE*</small></p>
<p>3</p> <p>Well that's good, but I bet you're overpaying, and waiting forever for service. Me? I'm gonna stay "Cool like a Sewell" all summer long!</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>I wanna be cool like a Sewell! I'm in!</p> 	

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# NOTES FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Dave Vossberg, Advisory Board

## July Update from the Advisory Board



The Advisory Board has adopted a new rule regarding its directors. A director may serve two two-year terms after which they must be off the board for one year before applying again. This is being done to promote diversity and transparency.

We will be meeting with Terry on Tuesday, July 16th with the intent of addressing the following topics:

1. We would like an update on the gate installation:
2. A chain link fence will be installed up to the gate at all entrances. The gate installation is being handled by MHM.
3. Are there cameras at the entrances and if so, are they operational? The recent theft of a golf cart from CLVI has heightened everyone's awareness of security:  
Yes, cameras are operational at all entrances.
4. 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.
5. We would like the community to be more aware of the benefits of recycling. Can there be a recycling container near the mailboxes? Most of the contents of the trash can are likely paper from junk mail and therefore recyclable:  
A recycling container will be placed in the mailbox area of both CLVI and CLVII.
6. Ice machine in CLVI, status, and do all MHM properties use the same ice machine? If so possibly MHM could have a spare on hand to put in place when any of the community's machines

- go down.
- A repair part arrived yesterday (7-15-24) and is in the process of replacement. Upon repair, it will be returned to CLVI.
7. The Advisory Board would like to once again request that the new gates be closed 24/7.
  - The board is working directly with Bob Miller on this, we are in the process of creating a google survey that will contain the pros and cons of gates being closed 24/7. This will go out to all residents of both communities when completed.

The results of these meetings are posted on the bulletin boards of both clubhouses in the area marked Advisory Board and will be updated each month.

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Deb Williams, Editor



I wanted to use the Notes from the Editor article this month to thank all those who help me make the CLVII Village Voice a, hopefully, fun and informative part of our great community. Janet Wright proofreads the Voice for me every month and, boy does she ever have her work cut out for her (LOL). She is an essential part of the Voice and I don't know what I would do without her assistance and intelligence. I also want to mention the people who provide me with monthly articles. You are the heart of our little magazine; without you, this publication would cease to exist. Kevin Karcher, RAC, Theresa Stevens, HOA, Terry West/Cheryl Johnson, Newby Mgmt, Cheryl Koepke, Advisory Board, Peggy Seiler, Sunshine Committee, Bev Smith, Travel, and Lore Millet, Around the Corner. Also a big thank you to any residents who post pictures of our events on our community Facebook

page so I can provide the Village Voice with photo memories of our events. You are all such an important piece of the Village Voice puzzle. I thank all of you for your timely submission of your articles and for all you do to help our community.

Also, a big thank you to Barb, et al with Community Media who provides me with the assistance, support, and benefit of their knowledge and skill to ensure our printed and electronic versions of the Village Voice is a great magazine for our residents.

## SUNSHINE CORNER

*Peggy Seiler, Coordinator*

According to the meteorological calendar, we are entering our last month of summer and that is worth our getting excited!

It has been a long two months for our friend, Jackie Russell. She has been challenged with Diverticulitis. We welcomed her back home, only to see the ambulance come again and take her to the hospital and she is presently recovering from surgery. Joe kindly took a lovely card to her from all of us. We miss her.

Marge Chamberlain, a former CLVII resident and now at Waters Edge will be visited by a few residents here in our Village. She may not remember us, but we remember her. Marge loves cards, so she will love receiving one.

As we share in the village, we hear about relatives who are fighting medical issues. When we hear of a loss of a child or grandchild the pain is great and we deeply sympathize with a family that has recently experienced this kind of loss.

Ray and Wanda Thibeault's daughter-in-law, Karen passed away from cancer on July 7th. Sandy Thacker's precious mother, Kate, passed away on the 15th of July. With

our love and prayers, we wrap our arms around these grieving ones.

We were given 2 commandments. Yes, to love God with all our heart, but the second is to love our neighbors (Mark 12:30-31). Let's keep doing this as individuals and as the Sunshine Family letting folks know that we CARE for each other as we do our best to get our cards to each one. Thanks to all who help me to serve in our community.

My phone number is 941-217-9384 and my residence is at Lot # 2110 Lakeside.

Thank you and Blessings,  
Peggy Seiler  
Sunshine Committee Coordinator

## TRAVEL

*Bev Smith, Coordinator*



January 3, 2025, Royal Caribbean "Serenade of the Seas" 7-day cruise Costa Rica, Colon Panama, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico. Late February 2025 (dates will be announced later) Hawaii, there will be 2 options. 3 days in Honolulu then an 8-day cruise. 2 days at each port, Oahu, Maui, Kauai, and the big island of Hawaii. Watch your newsletters and Travel board for more information.

Sign up on your travel board in the clubhouse for any trips.

All this info is on your TRAVEL BOARD. CLV Travel representatives LARRY and BEV SMITH, 607-742-9949, e-mail bevseneca@gmail.com. Our travel agent is Valerie Gill, 941-232-8612, e-mail valatwk@aol.com We are looking forward to having a fun time with all of you!! Please watch your monthly newsletters and travel boards for updated info.!!

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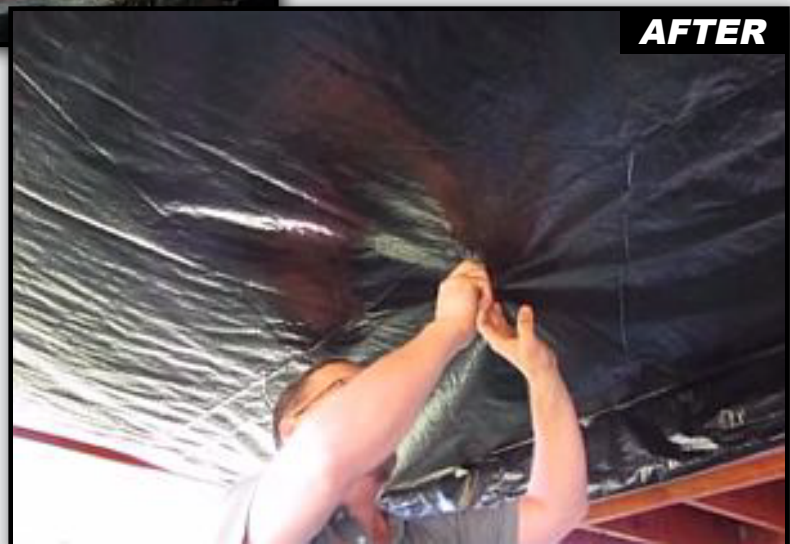
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CLVII Presents:  
August 3rd 7-10 PM



There is a sign up sheet posted at the side door of the CLVII Clubhouse for anyone interested in signing up. As always we thank you for your participation in these summer events.

**BYOB**

**50/50**

## Super Soaker Saturday August 24

Come to the clubhouse at 1 on the 24th to join in our Super Soaker Day.

Come prepared to be the soaker...and the soakee. If you can't make it to the clubhouse, sit at the end of your driveway with your hose and give the participants a cooling off as they go by.



Stick around after the soaker fun and enjoy some extra fun with friends and neighbors at the clubhouse and pool. .



### CLVII UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Saturday, August 3: 7-10pm, Entertainment: Senile Delinquents. BYOB, 50/50.**

**Monday, September 2: Labor Day, 1-4pm, Entertainment: Bob and Tom Band, Carr's Custom Catering, Taco Bar. BYOB, 50/50.**

**Thursday, October 31: Halloween Party, 7-10pm, Entertainment: Taylor and Taylor. BYOB, 50/50.**

**Monday, November 11, Veterans Day: 1-4, food catered by M-N-M BBQ.**

**Catering. BYOB, 50/50.**

**Sunday, November 24: 2-4pm, Friendsgiving, food catered by Carr's Custom Catering. BYOB.**

**Sunday, December 15: 2-4pm, Christmas Buffet, food catered by M-N-M BBQ.**

There is currently no information available for New Years Eve, December 31, 2024. When we have the information it will be provided via this events list.

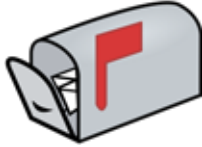




# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

**PLEASE WATCH THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARDS AND THE "FRIENDS @ CLVII" FACEBOOK PAGE FOR SCHEDULE AND EVENT DETAILS, CHANGES AND UPDATES.**

Attention CLVII residents. Did you know we have internal mailboxes in the Clubhouse? They are on the south side of the hallway between the kitchen and restrooms, near the side entrance. These boxes are for postage-free communications between residents and sometimes lost mail, all year long. They are also used after the annual Christmas card boxes are gone, and cards are moved to this location if they have not been picked up. Please check them often in case something is waiting for you!



You have probably noticed the tree trimmers making their rounds through CLVII recently. They are a welcome sight to see. They have been trimming numerous palm trees throughout the community, helping to ensure dead or loose fronds don't break off from the storms and high winds during this hurricane season.



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**Pickleball** – Mon-Sat 8:30 a.m.  
Coordinator: *Linda Weber 618-977-2705*  
**Beginners Pickleball** –  
**Mon, Wed & Fri – 8:30**  
Coordinator: *Jim Roberts 410-465-0159*  
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**Chicks with Kicks** – Mon & Wed 9:00 a.m.  
Coordinator: *Susie Taunt 989-329-2097*

**Pennies from Heaven** -  
Wednesday 12:00 p.m.  
Coordinator: *Sue Garcia 906-280-2890*

**Pinochle** - Monday - 1 p.m.  
Coordinator: *Barb Gibson 941-304-6588*

**Water Aerobics** - Tues, Thu, Sat 9:30 a.m.  
Coordinator: *Joann Dodge 941-224-7106*

**Dominoes** – First Tuesday of the month  
1 p.m.  
Coordinator: *Jim Roberts 410-465-0159*

**Potluck & Social Hour** - Tuesday 4 p.m.  
BYOB and munchies plus a dish to share.

**Darts** - Tuesday 7 p.m.  
Coordinator: *Walter Hull 614-578-6562*

**Yoga** – Friday 9 a.m.  
Coordinator: *Jennifer Berglund*  
716-471-4599

**Canasta** - Friday 1 p.m.  
Coordinator: *TBD*

**Karaoke** - Friday 7 p.m.  
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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? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## August 2024 CLVII Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
						<b>Shuffleboard 3</b> 9:15 AM <b>Senile Delinquents</b> 7-10 PM	<b>Monday</b> 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickleball 1:00 Cornhole 1:00 Pinochle <b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise 10:00 Ping Pong 1:00 Dominoes 4:00 Social Hour/Potluck 7:00 Mixed Bridge 7:00 Darts
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickleball 12:00 "Pennies from Heaven" /Library <b>Thursday</b> 8:30 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise 9:30 Euchre
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	<b>Friday</b> 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickleball 9:00 Yoga 1:00 6 Deck Canasta 7:00 Karaoke <b>Saturday</b> 8:15 Coffee 8:30 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise
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## September 2024 CLVII Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
1	2 <b>Labor Day Celebration 1-4 PM</b>	3 <b>Dominoes 1 PM</b>	4 <b>HOA Resident Meeting 7PM</b>	5 <b>Popcorn Comedy 7PM</b>	6	7 <b>Shuffleboard 9:15 AM</b>	<b>Monday</b> 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickleball 1:00 Cornhole 1:00 Pinochle <b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise 10:00 Ping Pong 4:00 Social Hour/Potluck 7:00 Mixed Bridge 7:00 Darts <b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickleball 12:00 "Pennies from Heaven" /Library <b>Thursday</b> 9:00 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise 6:30 Euchre <b>Friday</b> 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickleball 9:00 Yoga 1:00 6 Deck Canasta 7:00 Karaoke <b>Saturday</b> 8:15 Coffee 9:00 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16  1:00 PM	17	18	19	20	21 <b>Matt Brown Dance 7-10 PM</b>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30						

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Aug 24 Leslie Molinaro  
Aug 25 Bobbie Houser  
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## RECENT ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK



On Thursday, July 4th CLVII held their annual 4th of July celebration. Lynn's Spins provided the entertainment and Banquet Masters provided our meal. Many residents complimented the meal and were happy with the selections available. The celebration was a success with the residents and many danced while others just sat back and enjoyed the music. It was wonderful to celebrate the great holiday with friends and fellow residents.

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**Here's what to do:**

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## **FUN FACTS ABOUT FLORIDA:**

### **1. The Everglades National Park Is One of the Largest Wetlands in the World**

The Everglades is the biggest and most visited of Florida's three national parks. Not only that, but the Everglades National Park is also the largest remaining subtropical wilderness and continuous stand of sawgrass prairie left in North America. Now, that's an impressive accolade, but it doesn't stop there. It's also a Unesco World Heritage Site that's home to unique, endangered, and rare species. These include the American alligator and crocodiles, flamingos, dolphins, the Florida panther, and the Eastern Indigo snake.

The Everglades is truly a place of wonder and not for the faint-hearted, especially if you have herpetophobia (a fear of reptiles).

### **2. Florida Is Home to Two of the Biggest Amusement Parks**

These two gigantic theme parks include the renowned Walt Disney World Resort and Universal Studios. And here's an extra fact: Walt Disney World Resort is the most visited theme park worldwide. Both of these parks are located in Orlando, allowing you to have some of the most thrilling and memorable times of your life.

Think magical experiences with your favorite Disney and Universal characters, water slides, adrenaline-pushing rides, and festivities galore. These two attractions are some of the biggest reasons why people are so eager to make their way to sunny Florida.

### **3. The Everglades in South Florida Is the Only Place Where Alligators and Crocodiles Co-exist**

To give you the full picture: The Everglades

National Park in South Florida is the only place in the world where alligators and crocs co-exist in the same ecosystem. You'd think that these two reptiles would get along easily since they're cousins, but it turns out Florida has just the right conditions to make this possible.

It's the mixture of saltwater from the ocean and the freshwater from Lake Okeechobee that makes this unlikely dual existence a reality.

### **4. The Kennedy Space Center Played a Crucial Role in Landing the First Man on the Moon**

The Kennedy Space Center in Florida has a rich history dating back to the 1950s. However, it will always be remembered for the huge role it played in the Apollo program that successfully landed the first man on the moon in 1969.

This stellar achievement would go on to change the course of the world and human history, resulting in the famous words of Neil Armstrong, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind".

### **5. Florida Is the Only State Tucked Between Both the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico**

Florida is almost nothing but coastline because it's surrounded by water on three sides. This makes it a peninsula, and more than two-thirds of its population lives on its coast. The state has the Atlantic Ocean to the East and the Gulf of Mexico to its West, with the straits of Florida to the south.



# **FLORIDA**

## AUGUST AROUND THE CORNER

Lore Millet



Stay “COOL” this August with some “COOL” things to do! First of all, don’t let the heat keep you from doing some “COOL” things “Around the Corner”. The Palmetto and Bradenton area has so many wonderful beaches to explore. So, grab your lawn chair and head on out. Coquina Beach is one of my favorites. We park our lawn chairs right under the trees near the bridge and enjoy the cool breezes and boat traffic coming in and out of the channel. Who knows, you may even see a dolphin or two.

## “COOL” MANATEE COUNTY LIBRARY

Some “COOL” Manatee County Library events you may want to check out are on One Tech Help. Need help managing your cell phone or computer programs? The library has several classes during August. Another “COOL” class they are offering is “Getting Started in Podcasting”. Haven’t you always wanted to be a movie star? Well, you can when you do your own Podcast. For the “COOL” artistic side of you, you may want to try your hand getting started on designing your own t-shirt or tote bag. The library will be instructing you on using a Cricut Machine! All the programs mentioned are being held at the Central Library Branch in Bradenton but the Palmetto Library also has classes available. The classes fill up fast so make sure to register online at [mymanatee.org](http://mymanatee.org) and click on the Library Department.



## HAVE A “BALL” AT BOWLERO

It’s been a while since I’ve been bowling but grab and gang and head over to Bowlero on Cortez Road in Bradenton. It’s a “COOL” place to have some fun with your friends. They are open from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm daily. Give them a call at 941-758-8838 to schedule your time today! They have “COOL” air-conditioned alleys.



## “COOL” ESCAPES ARE HAPPENING AT ROBINSON PRESERVE

Challenge yourself and your friends to the newest Escape Room Experience at Robinson Preserve! Trapped inside a bird research facility with a hurricane on the way, participants must solve interactive puzzles and collect clues to escape the NEST. Can you find the key to the emergency exit? Only 4 sessions are available so make sure you get your reservation in early. Go to [parks.mymanatee.org](http://parks.mymanatee.org) to register. The cost is \$10 per person.



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# GUIDELINES FOR CLVII RAC RESIDENT EVENTS

1. The event head count will not exceed 120 people for any event. The posted number of persons listed by the fire department shows 164 however, that number includes the library, game room, and fitness center. Those areas are not usually used during events.
2. All events are posted in the Village Voice, posters at the clubhouse, and on Facebook 3 weeks before the event. Tickets go on sale 3 weeks before the event. Check the posters and/or Facebook to determine who is selling tickets.
3. Events that are categorized as only entertainment will cost \$10 per ticket (refundable at the door). Since there is no food at these events tickets can be purchased up until the day of the event if tickets are still available. **You must cancel within 48 hours of the event to receive a refund. Tickets must be returned to whoever is selling tickets for that event so they can be distributed to those on the waiting list, if any. You cannot sell or give your ticket(s) to anyone else. If you do not return your ticket within 48 hours of the event your money will not be refunded.**
4. Events that are categorized as including food will cost \$20 per ticket (refundable at the door). The sale of these tickets **will be cut off 7 days before the event** to ensure we get a correct headcount to the caterer. **You must cancel within 48 hours of the event to receive a refund. Tickets must be returned to whoever is selling tickets for that event so they can be distributed to those on the waiting list, if any. You cannot sell or give your ticket(s) to anyone else. If you do not return your ticket within 48 hours of the event your money will not be refunded.**
5. Guest or family tickets are not refundable. They will also be placed on the waiting list and can only purchase tickets once all residents can purchase tickets. Usually, 10 days before the event if all tickets are not sold the waiting list people will get the opportunity to purchase tickets in the order they are on the waiting list.





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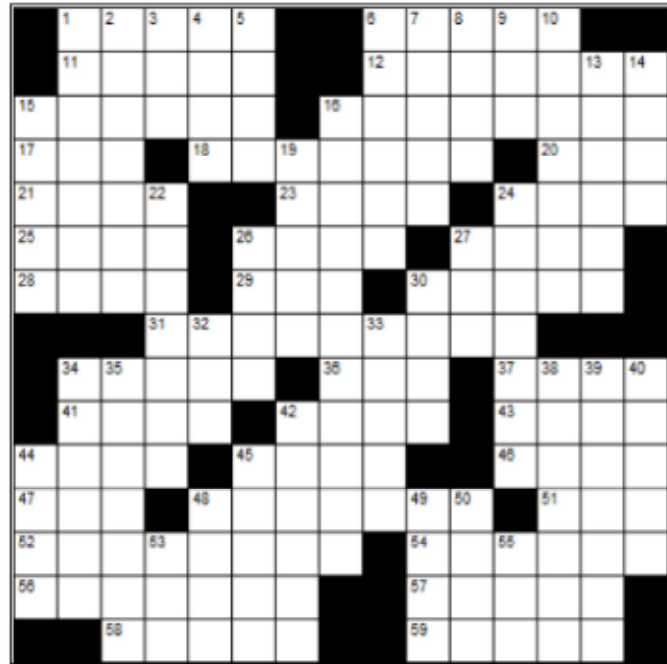
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# August Crossword

## ACROSS

1. Support
5. Open window problem
11. Happen again
12. Back up
15. Anagram of "Stared"
16. Realm
17. What we breathe
18. Progestin or androgen
20. Partially opened flower
21. Wingless bloodsucking insect
23. Absorbed
24. Rump
25. Custard dessert
26. Occupied
27. Rational
28. Abominable Snowman
29. Play a role
30. Took a chance
31. Rigid disciplinarians
34. Winter accessory
36. Cygnet's father
37. Female chickens
41. Healthy
42. Verruca
43. Dwarf buffalo
44. Chats
45. Kiln-dried barley
46. Rules and regulations
47. American Dental Association
48. Hotel gofer
51. Fraternity letter
52. In a dazed manner
54. Received
56. Term of endearment
57. Not upper
58. Delicacy
59. Wear away



## DOWN

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Tactile alphabet        | 15. Goofy                          | 35. Floorshow                   |
| 2. Withdrawal              | 16. In a forceful or urgent manner | 38. Decried                     |
| 3. Air hero                | 19. Belch                          | 39. Not anyplace                |
| 4. Junkyard dogs           | 22. Beasts                         | 40. Antelope of India           |
| 5. Once, long ago          | 24. Parade V.I.P.                  | 42. Billfold                    |
| 6. Sagging                 | 26. Vomit                          | 44. Handguns                    |
| 7. Send, as payment        | 27. Seated oneself                 | 45. Mass communication industry |
| 8. Ardent                  | 30. Amount owed                    | 48. Chomp                       |
| 9. Bog                     | 32. Form of "to be"                | 49. Look at flirtatiously       |
| 10. Champion of the people | 33. Not south                      | 50. Impoverished                |
| 13. Drunk                  | 34. An unilluminated area          | 53. Each                        |
| 14. Stops                  |                                    | 55. One plus one                |





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