

The Village Voice



Newsletter For Country Lakes Village II

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA)

Theresa Stevens, HOA President

Happy New Year everyone! 2025 is here already, it has all gone so fast. Hopefully, this year will be filled with happy times, prosperity, and no hurricanes. We lost some members in our park this past year who were very dear to us all and will be missed by many. We also have a lot of new people who have moved in and are becoming very active in the community.

We had a great December meeting, with a lot of shared information and concerns about our trees. Deb and I have scheduled a meeting on Dec. 12th with Bob Miller/MHM about our trees, the dog park, and the smoking area. We will report the results of this meeting at our Jan 8th meeting.

Deb Williams and I will also attend our first FMO Meeting on Dec. 10th to learn more about what they have to offer and to see how they could benefit our community.

We also discussed that members of the CLVII Community are encouraged to bring any concerns or issues to the HOA Board instead of going to the

advisory board. All you have to do is fill out a form that will be available in the Village Voice and at the clubhouse. The forms are clipped on the board inside the side door. We will need your name and lot number, put the form in the blue box, and we will take the concern to Bob Miller.

I introduced the new board members at the December meeting. Three of our 2024 board members decided to step away from their HOA board positions. Bill Bazydlo has stepped down as vice president. Bill has been our VP for many years and was a great asset to our board and the community. He will be missed.

Jackie Russell also stepped down as director, as did Vickie Mensen. They were both instrumental in helping our board grow to where we are today and they will both be missed.

I am happy to announce that Pete Kerns was elected to return to the board and will be our new vice president. Thank you, Pete, for stepping into this role for the board. I look forward to working with you and know you will be a great addition to our board.

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CLVII HOA Board of Directors:

Theresa Stevens	President
Pete Kerns	Vice President
Jennifer Berglund	Treasurer
Deb Williams	Secretary



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CLVII RAC Board of Directors:

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- Dianne Meyaard..... Vice President
- Judy Faries Treasurer
- Judy Marshall Secretary
- Director Anna Syjud
- Director Deb Williams
- Director Joanne Fandey

Deb Williams was voted back in and will retain her secretary position. She has also been on the board for many years and has so much talent and knowledge I would be lost without her. She is on my speed dial.

Jennifer Berglund will continue her second year as Treasurer. She is doing a great job keeping our money in order and helping with the fundraisers.

Moving forward there will only be three directors on the board, as there is no longer a need for more.

Linda Weber, who you all know, is the one who bangs on everyone’s door to help us collect membership dues, proxies, and koozies sales. Whatever we need she is ready to help. Thank you, Linda, for all you do for the HOA board!

Bob Moriarty is in his second year as a director, and he is my right-hand man helping to set up, take down, and organize our meetings. Bob and his wife Carla are also great at fundraisers, and I’m sure they will be helping us with more in the future.

Craig Taunt is in his second year as a director and has been a great asset to the board. He has started our First Aid and Safety Committee for CLVII. He has scheduled training classes with speakers to help us all be more aware and knowledgeable on handling different emergencies. We will also have more of these informational programs soon.

With this being said and with the help of all these awesome members of the HOA Board, I am proud to continue with my second year as your president of the HOA. God Bless You All!

Sincerely,
Theresa Stevens, HOA President

RESIDENTS’ ACTIVITY COMMITTEE (RAC)

Kevin Karcher, RAC President

Happy New Year to everyone, I hope you enjoyed your family and friends over the Christmas season.

We had a great Christmas golf cart parade, cookie exchange, and a special visit from Santa. Thanks to Ron Lorenz for putting this event together.

We have a lot planned for 2025. Be sure to check the Village Voice calendar for the dates and times.

I would like to thank all the board members who make all our activities happen. Two board members are not returning this year. Lisa Eurick and Dave Magne have decided to step away from the board but will still be helping whenever they can. I wish them well and thank them for their service to the board

We can always use volunteers to help, and contact a member to help whenever possible.

As we welcome the new year, let’s remember that we are a great community and can only stay this way by everyone looking out for each other.

If you see something say something.

Call the sheriff’s department if you need them. They are always in the area.

Kevin Karcher
RAC President



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FROM MANAGEMENT NEWS FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Terry West, CLV Community Manager

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! LET'S ALL HELP TO
MAKE 2025 A GREAT YEAR!**

- HOME OF THE MONTH IS STILL SUSPENDED UNTIL FEB 2025 TO GIVE ENOUGH PEOPLE TIME TO REPAIR THEIR HOMES.
- **Reminder for all Smartaira (formally Lux) users, For any support issues please call Support at 877-589-3015 or Text 385-275-8398**
- For all of you who are now returning to the park from being away; remember to check in with the office so we can update the address where you are currently residing. You can call, email, or drop by to check in: no form--needed just a notification.
- **Reminder: New monthly payment amounts go into effect 1/1/2025. Please ensure to make adjustments to your payments to reflect the increase. For ACH users this adjustment is done automatically.**
- All guests must be registered with the office. Guests' stay must conform to the rules and be limited to no more than 15 consecutive days at a time, and no more than 30 per calendar year. If staying longer, the guests must be age-qualified and screened by submitting an application to the office as stated in the Community Rules.
- Tree clearing is still ongoing and will be for a while. Please be patient as we are aware of the amount of tree debris remaining and our contractors will get to it as they can.

Happy New Year to everyone. We on the Country Lakes Staff hope that 2025 brings all of you and your families good health & good fortune.

NOTES FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

In November, your Advisory Board, in a Zoom call, advised Mr. Miller and Scott Brown of the need to set up a town hall meeting to inform residents of hurricane-sustainable construction options after Milton. Mr. Miller agreed and Scott Brown made arrangements to have 2 companies come speak with the residents. A big thank you to the HOA for hosting the "After Milton Hurricane" town hall meeting.

The board continues to make every effort, with our resident's help, to identify areas in our park that may require attention. Our sole responsibility is to work for the community and advise MHM and management of our park's important issues.

The Advisory Board Chairman, Dave Vossberg, has resigned from the board, effective immediately. We wish Dave the best and appreciate all his time and efforts! Enjoy retirement, Dave!

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Deb Williams, Editor

Shuffleboard will be canceled for the next few weeks until the weather warms up.



The CLVII Community Yard Sale is being held on January 18, 2025. Please see the Village Voice insert for details.

There will be a NFL Championship party on February 9, 2025. Please see the Village Voice insert for details.

Next month the Village Voice will begin a new article that will include any new owner information of those purchasing homes in our community. It will also include the name and contact information of our seasonal renters. Any assistance getting renter information to me would be greatly appreciated as I do not receive this information from the office. I look forward to this addition to our newsletter and hope you all will enjoy it. Please welcome our new owners and renters to our wonderful community. I am sure they will love it here as much as we do.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Peggy Seiler, Coordinator

WELCOME TO 2025!!!! May it be not just a Happy New Year, but a BLESSED New Year for you!

So many in our village have been affected by the cold/flu going around. Fortunately, it hasn't lasted too long with most of us. I heard one person say "We wipe our noses and keep going!" I had to smile when I heard this one: "We're keeping Kleenex in business!"

At the time of this submission, we have learned that Paula Borrero is still not well. She needs our prayers.

Bernard Marsden has been challenged with some blood disorders.

We are all saddened by the passing of Mike Coleman and our deepest condolences were given to his wife, Sylvia.

Many of you will remember Marjorie Chamberlain who used to live on Paradise Way. Marj recently passed away. She and her late husband were one of the first owners here in our community.

Cards have been sent to all.

THANKS TO ALL who help me keep the cards going out to folk in our community. You are all my Sunshine Committee.

I am blessed to be part of this 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



On January 31st a day trip to the Buddy Holly Story, and his 50's music at Broadway Palms in Ft. Myers. Tickets are \$145 and that price will include the musical show, a huge buffet lunch, tips, and a round-trip bus from CLVI. We will have our own full bus.

February 20, 2025, 'KENNEDY SPACE CENTER' is a full day to explore and a shuttle to each building. Price will follow.

March 20, 2025 'CALYPSO BREEZE DAY CRUISE' out of Clearwater. Included is a full buffet lunch, tips music, and sightseeing. Price will follow.

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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Saturday, January 18

7-10PM

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50/50

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Tickets on sale December 28

See Deb Williams, 2072 Tranquility Lane for tickets.

SUNDAY SHOW SERIES—1

Sunday, January 26 2PM

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BYOB

Tickets on sale Sunday, January, 5

Tickets are \$10—refundable at the door

See Anna Syjud, 2134 Lakeside for tickets

CLVII COMMUNITY YARD SALE

January 18 8-1PM

All residents are welcome to join in the yard sale.

If you would like to reserve tables to use in your driveway contact Kevin Karcher @609-929-2211 by (date). Tables are limited so reserve yours ASAP!



CLVII NFL Championship Party

February 9th 5PM

Join friends and neighbors for a little tail-gating, pick team squares and maybe a little favorite team rivalry.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board at the side door of the clubhouse on January 19th.

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CLVII UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

Saturday, January 18: The Fulcos, 7-10pm, ticket price \$10, BYOB, 50/50.

Sunday, January 26: Star Newman, 2pm, ticket price \$10, BYOB.

Sunday, February 9: Super Bowl Sunday, 5PM, BYOB, Snacks, 50/50.

Friday, February 14: Rye Road Entertainment, 7-10pm, ticket price \$10, BYOB & 50/50.

Sunday, February 23: 2pm, Beach Bumz, ticket price \$10, BYOB.

Saturday, March 1: Ruby Blues, 7-10pm, ticket price \$10, BYOB & 50/50.

Monday, March 17: John Rinell, 1:30, ticket price \$20, M-N-M BBQ, BYOB & 50/50.

Friday, April 4: Silver Alert, 7-10pm, ticket price \$10, BYOB & 50/50.

Sunday, April 6: Christopher John, 2pm, ticket price \$10, BYOB.

Sunday, April 20: Easter Brunch, 2pm, ticket price \$20, BYOB.

Saturday, May 17: Pool Party, Scott Allen, 1-4pm, ticket Price \$10, BYOB/Appetizers, 50/50.

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day Celebration, 1-4pm, M-N-M BBQ, ticket price \$20, BYOB.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 1	Roger Krauss	Jan 20	Anna Syjud
Jan 4	Maysie Aarestad	Jan 20	Sherry Williams
Jan 5	Joy Woodbeck	Jan 21	Sally Nachbar
Jan 7	Milton Crist	Jan 22	Jim Roberts
Jan 7	John Ferguson	Jan 23	Dennis Schaar
Jan 8	Patricia Petrey	Jan 23	Valerie Kirchhoff
Jan 9	Judy McCauley	Jan 23	Lisa Heraghty
Jan 9	Nikki Sempsey	Jan 25	Linda Werner
Jan 10	Mary Pinter	Jan 25	John "Mike" Duff
Jan 10	Angelo Yoho	Jan 25	Jim Stickner
Jan 13	Michelle Brunone	Jan 25	Joanna Brasher
Jan 13	Donna Pfluke	Jan 26	Mike Morgan
Jan 15	Patrick Besanson	Jan 26	Chet Syjud
Jan 16	John Johnson	Jan 26	Kathy Voelkl
Jan 18	Lynne Rowland	Jan 26	Jacquie Weigand
Jan 19	Dick Quint	Jan 27	Linda Shedrow
Jan 19	Van VanVleet	Jan 31	JoAnn Dodge
Jan 20	Jerry Stram	Jan 31	Linda Weber
Jan 20	Mary Ellen Collins	Jan 31	Lynda Glaser



Jan 4Jerry & Janet Stram..... 67 Years
 Jan 13 ...Donald & Lois Stannard 60 Years
 Jan 19 ...Dennis & Sheryl Lynn Schaar



If you need to change your email, birthday, or anniversary don't hesitate to contact Deb Williams at 941-304-7756 and leave a message. Make sure you leave your name and lot number when you do.



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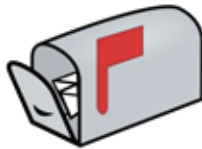
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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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.



Please add your picture to our Picture Board! This helps your neighbors put a face to a name.

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			1	2	3	4	Sunday Mahjong 1:00 Monday 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickleball 9:00 Chicks with Kicks 1:00 Cornhole 1:00 Pinochle Tuesday 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 Wednesday 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickleball 9:00 Chicks with Kicks 12:00 "Pennies from Heaven" /Library Thursday 8:30 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise 6:30 Euchre Friday 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickleball 9:00 Yoga 1:00 6 Deck Canasta 7:00 Karaoke Saturday 8:15 Coffee 8:30 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise
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12	13	14	15 RAC Resident Meeting 7PM	Feather Your Nest 6PM	17	18 Yard Sale 8-1 PM	
19  Dart Tournament 1PM	20  1 PM	21	22	Feather Your Nest 6PM	24	25	
26 Star Newman Magic/Comedy/ Mentalism 2PM	27	28	29	Feather Your Nest 6PM	31		
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February 2025 CLVII Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
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THINGS TO DO IN THE PARK

Mahjong – Sunday at 1 p.m.

Coordinator: Barb Gibson 941-304-6588

Cornhole – Monday at 1:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Kevin Karcher 609-929-2211

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

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

Feather Your Nest – 6 p.m.

Coordinator: Kevin Karcher 609-929-2211

Yoga – Friday 9 a.m.


Coordinator: Jennifer Berglund 716-471-4599

Canasta - Friday 1 p.m.

Coordinator: TBD

Karaoke - Friday 7 p.m.

*Coordinators: Cherry Vickery 941-301-7782
Anna Syjud 248-983-8545*



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FUN FACTS ABOUT NEW YEAR'S DAY

Deb Williams

*Happy
New Year*

1. The first New Year's celebration dates back 4,000 years.
2. Julius Caesar, the emperor of Rome, was the first to declare Jan. 1 a national holiday.
3. Janus, the Roman god of doors and gates, is the namesake of January.
4. New Year is the oldest of all holidays, as it was first observed in ancient Babylon as many as 4000 years ago.
5. Many countries still celebrate New Year in spring, the season of rebirth of new crops.
6. Around 1/4 of Americans fall asleep before the clock strikes 12.
7. The tradition of the New Year's kiss originated in ancient Rome.
8. Champagne is the traditional drink of the New Year, and the traditional midnight toast is said to bring good luck.

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RECENT ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK

The Silver Alert dance was held on November 15. What a great time the residents had at this dance. You could see that the residents were enjoying the band because the dance floor was full most of the night. We were also treated to a surprise performance by our very own Lorraine Baker, who joined along with the band for a couple of our favorite tunes.





CLVII's version of the traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, Friendsgiving was held on Sunday, November 24. Carr's Custom Catering served a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to our residents. The meal was delicious and everyone who attended enjoyed the meal and celebrating the holiday dinner with neighbors and friends.



The annual Toys for Tots fundraiser was coordinated by Walter Hull and the darts teams. This year they collected \$1,180.00 along with various toys to donate to this wonderful cause. On December 2 a check and the toys were presented to the local Toys for Tots organization. Thanks to all the residents who participated in this fundraiser and to Walter and the darters for spearheading it again this year.



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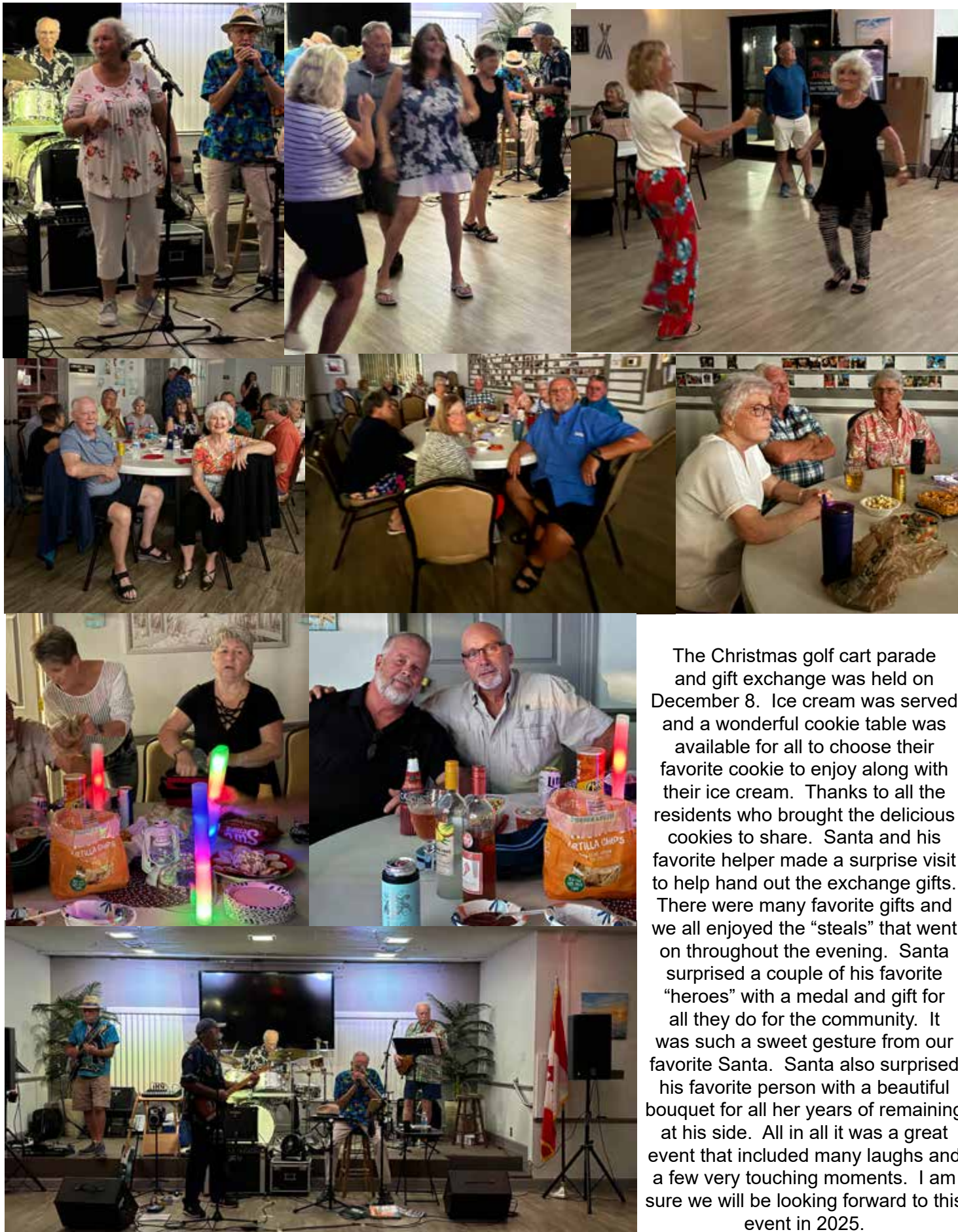
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The Christmas golf cart parade and gift exchange was held on December 8. Ice cream was served and a wonderful cookie table was available for all to choose their favorite cookie to enjoy along with their ice cream. Thanks to all the residents who brought the delicious cookies to share. Santa and his favorite helper made a surprise visit to help hand out the exchange gifts. There were many favorite gifts and we all enjoyed the “steals” that went on throughout the evening. Santa surprised a couple of his favorite “heroes” with a medal and gift for all they do for the community. It was such a sweet gesture from our favorite Santa. Santa also surprised his favorite person with a beautiful bouquet for all her years of remaining at his side. All in all it was a great event that included many laughs and a few very touching moments. I am sure we will be looking forward to this event in 2025.

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AROUND THE CORNER

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Well, Happy New Year, everyone! I hope you all had a great holiday and are ready to set off for all that 2025 has to offer. Did you make a New Year's Resolution? I try not to, but it is always a good time to review attitudes of mind and spirit. I always look forward to a new calendar and getting back into doing a few healthy things. Speaking of healthy things, here are a few things you can do Around the Corner from our community.

Beach Time

Nothing is better for the mind and soul than to take a morning walk on the beach. I think most of the beaches on Anna Maria Island are open and have plenty of free parking, especially in the morning. Manatee County has what they call a Seashore Shell Walk. I do not have the January date for this, but if you contact elena.burke@mymanatee.org you can get the dates. This is a great class to learn all about the shells you collect. They also have a class on December 31st from 9:00 to 10:30 if you get this newsletter on time. You need to make a reservation for this at Elena's email address.

My favorite beach, Fort DeSoto Beach, is still closed due to the damage from Hurricane Milton. I will post any new information I hear on its opening on our Facebook page. This beach is great for finding sand dollars!

Preserves

Ever want to try Tai Chi? Well, Robinson Preserve will be offering a once-a-month class where you will be led by certified instructor, Brian Nell. He will lead the group through the gentle movements of Tai Chi and help with flexibility and relieve stress in our bodies. All this and you get to watch the sunset as well! You must register for the class by going to mymanatee.org.

Lap Swimming

Do you love the water and want to get some exercise at the same time? Why not head to Lincoln Aquatic Center at 715 17th Street in Palmetto? They have daily lap swimming in their pool Monday – Friday from 7 am to 2:45 pm. The daily pass to swim is \$2 and they take cash or credit cards. If you pay in cash, please try to have close to the exact amount. They have six lanes, and each lane is 25 yards long. There are restrooms and changing facilities for your convenience.

Manatee County Fair

The Manatee County Fair will be held on January 16 – 25, 2025 at the Manatee County Fairgrounds in Palmetto. Packed with an endless variety of things to see, do, and eat, the fair truly has something for everyone. This year's main stage entertainment will include the Bayside Worship Team, Eric Von, and Joshiah Queen among other talented entertainers. Check out the Manatee County Fair webpage to get all the information on ticket prices.





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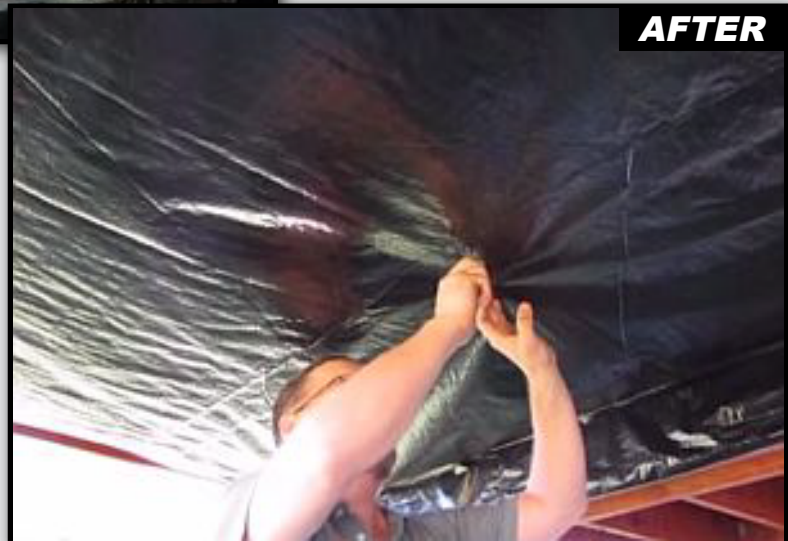
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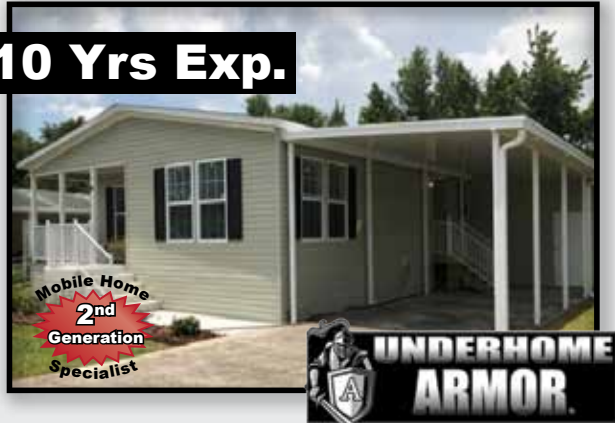
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