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Newsletter For Country Lakes Village II

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA)

Theresa Stevens, HOA President



Here we are in March already with overnight highs in the 70's! You have to love it! We had two guest speakers at our Feb meeting. CLV2 resident Andrea Giovanni, who lives here in our community did a slide show on Flooring Coverings International discussing the types of flooring her company offers and the many cost-saving offers her company provides to mobile homeowners. For more information and a digital business card, Andrea is listed in our directory. The other speaker was Bryce Mednick from Professional Insurance, who discussed the many types of insurance his company handles and the many options we have for different insurance needs. Both Andrea and Bryce handed out business cards.

There have been complaints at the office regarding the new smoking area. These complaints have come from both smokers and non-smokers. Bob Miller was not aware of the exact location when it was updated. We found that the smoking area is too close to the bike racks, the shuffleboard, and the pickleball courts. It cannot be inside any fenced-in area and has to be 50 feet from any amenities. Keeping this in mind, we are open to suggestions for a new location.

Katie Dell would like the Advisory Board, the HOA, and the RAC (Social/Fun Committee) to all work together. She wants the Advisory Board and HOA to have a more open relationship. The Advisory Board will deal with residents' financial requests, such as extra chairs for the pool area, etc. The HOA will handle all other concerns as before. The current RAC Board, now called the Social/Fun Committee, will be a new sub-committee of the HOA Board. Kevin Karcher will be the Chairman of the committee, and their meetings will now be part of the HOA meeting which means only one combined meeting a month. The Social/Fun Committee is always looking for volunteers to assist or host an event. There are more details about the HOA Meeting listed in the notes dated Feb. 5th, 2025, they are posted in the Clubhouse.

God Bless You All!

Sincerely, Theresa Stevens, HOA President

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SOCIAL/FUN COMMITTEE

Kevin Karcher, Chairman

As of this month, the RAC board is merging with the HOA. We will now be a sub-committee with the HOA as the Social/Fun committee.

We are always trying to improve, and believe this will better serve our residents.

We will report our activities and financials every month at the HOA meetings. Moving forward, there will be one combined meeting per month and that will be the HOA meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. There will no longer be a RAC meeting scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of each month.

I look forward to working with our current members of this committee and the HOA board. Also, we are always looking for volunteers to help with events.

We will have two events in March, Mardi Gras on the first of March and the Saint Patrick's Day event on the 17th. Be sure to get a ticket as soon as they are available.

Any requests to use the clubhouse or the library should be directed to Kevin Karcher, 609-929-2211.

Kindly submitted,

Kevin Karcher

Social/Fun Committee, Chairman

FROM MANAGEMENT



News from the Manager's Desk

A special 'thank you' to all the resident volunteers who made the Strawberry Social so special. What a great turnout! I am looking forward to the BBQ this summer.

Please remember homes in violation of the Rules/Regulations will begin to receive notices. The first notice is a "Friendly" reminder. Any notice to follow will follow our written guidelines. *Hurricane damage will need to have a plan.* If you need assistance, please contact your HOA for possible guidance. Information from the Helping Hands booklet is also available.

Please remember there is a Social Media policy in place. If you are an Administrator of a page, you are the gatekeeper.

I look forward to starting up the 'Lawn of the Month' very soon and hope you all continue to keep your homes beautiful!

The best is yet to come, Katie

NOTES FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board is comprised of residents from both communities: CLVI, Sandy Gilbertson, Sue Eckert, Judy MacInnis, and Bruce Steltzer; CLVII, Sue Dibble, and Suzan Garcia.

The Advisory Board continues to bring residents' concerns and requests to Katie Dell and management. The Board's responsibilities include the annual review and approval of the social activities' budgets of the two community Recreation Activity Committees and receiving monetary concerns and requests that affect the improvements in the two communities.

Please use the "Resident Input Form" for your requests; they are available in the clubhouses, from board members, and in this publication. There are input drop boxes in the hallway of both clubhouses to receive the forms or give them to a board member. All input is kept confidential.

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CLVII Social/Fun Committee	
Kevin Karcher -	Chairman
Dianne Meyaard -	Vice Chairperson
Judy Faries -	Financial Planner
Committee Members -	Anna Syjud
	Judy Marshall
	Joanne Fandey

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The Advisory Board looks forward to receiving your suggestions and ideas for the benefit of our communities. Thank You.

Discussion on input forms received from residents.

- Among the items for discussion with Katie Dell at the February meeting will include a review of past and continuing items within our "discussion with management" items list.
- Approval of the CLVI social budget for January thru December 2025
- Approval of the CLVII social budget for January thru December 2025

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Deb Williams

It has been a rather quiet month for calendar or event updates. As noted in the 'Welcome to the Community' article, we have a new homeowner in our community. They are Christopher and Karen Sabbagh and they recently bought the home at 2192 Quiet Place. If you see them out and about please make them feel welcome and update them on upcoming events such as coffee hour, ice cream social, and dance events.

Since I have such a short list of updates this month I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who submit articles for our CLVII Village Voice. It's because of you this little magazine gets out to our residents every month. I would also like to thank Janet Wright who does the proofreading of our Village Voice before it gets sent to the printers. If you happen to see her thank her for her hard work with keeping my mistakes to a minimum. Believe me, she has a tough job.

Deb Williams, Editor



SUNSHINE CORNER

Peggy Seiler, Coordinator

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

The past month has seen too many folks in our community ill with flu, covid, and even reports of pneumonia. Several also have experienced ambulance rides to hospitals or were taken there by others.



A few weeks ago Milton Crist was taken by ambulance and to date we have not been able to contact him or his son.

Janet and Jerry Stram have both had challenges with Janet spending several days in hospital. Thanks to all who have helped in taking care of Jerry's needs.

Shirley Berglund also was in hospital but is now recovering at home after reports of a clot in her lung.

Reese Rickards also experienced an ambulance ride and to our knowledge is recovering also.

Before having to submit this article, the most recent ambulance ride was taken by Gerald Monteleone who has some heart challenges.

Cheri Fitting, we believe, is recovering well from a 2nd hip surgery.

All have received our get well wishes.

We also shared our deepest sympathy to Dicky Quint on the passing of his father on January 23rd.



I so appreciated the folk who let me know about the people going to the hospital, surgery, or those grieving the death of a loved one as we endeavor to get cards to them. Please note this write-up is from January 16th to February 16th to meet the deadline for our March Village Voice.

Thank you CLVII for being such a caring community.

Thank you and Blessings,

Peggy Seiler

Sunshine Committee Coordinator

TRAVEL

Bev Smith, Coordinator



February 20, 2025, 'March 20, 2025 'STARLITE SAPPHIRE YACHT CRUISE', day trip from St. Pete, traveling up the intra-coastal waterways. A sit-down luncheon, live music, round-trip transportation, taxes, gratuities, and driver tips are included. The price is \$129.00. Payment is due February 24th.

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.!!

Bev



CLVII UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

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

Monday, March 17: John Rinell, 1:30, M-N-M BBQ, BYOB & 50/50.

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

Sunday, April 6: Christopher John, 2pm, BYOB.

Sunday, April 20: Easter Brunch, 2pm, BYOB.

Saturday, May 17: Pool Party, Scott Allen, 1-4pm, BYOB/ Appetizers, 50/50.

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day Celebration, 1-4pm, M-N-M BBQ, BYOB.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

BYOB

50/50

Monday, March 17, 1:30 PM

Music by John Rinell

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Item of Concern _____

Suggested Solution by Person Named Above _____

Action Taken by Board Member _____ Date _____

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

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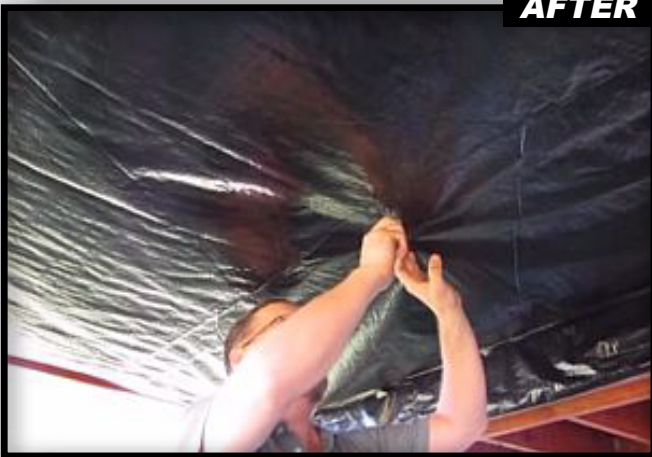
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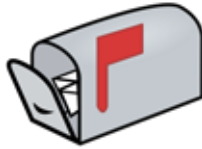




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PLEASE WATCH THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARDS AND THE "FRIENDS @ CLVII" FACEBOOK PAGE FOR SCHEDULE AND EVENT DETAILS, CHANGES AND UPDATES.

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!



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

COFFEE TIME
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						 7-10 PM	Sunday Mahjong 1:00 Monday 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 9:00 Chicks with Kicks 1:00 Cornhole 1:00 Pinochle Tuesday 8:30 Pickle ball 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 Pickle ball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 10:00 Yoga 12:00 "Pennies from Heaven" /Library Thursday 8:30 Pickle ball 9:30 Water Exercise 6:30 Euchre Friday 8:30 Pickle ball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 9:00 Chicks with Kicks 1:00 6 Deck Canasta 7:00 Karaoke Saturday 8:15 Coffee 8:30 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise
1		4	5	6	7	8	
2	3		HOA Resident Meeting 7PM				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
 7 PM	St. Patrick's Day Party 1:30 PM 						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
	 1 PM						
30	31						
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APRIL 2025 CLVII Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
		1	2 HOA Resident Meeting 7 PM	3	4	5 Silver Alert Dance 7 - 10 PM	Sunday Mahjong 1:00 Monday 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 9:00 Chicks with Kicks 1:00 Cornhole 1:00 Pinochle Tuesday 8:30 Pickle ball 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 Pickle ball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 10:00 Yoga 12:00 "Pennies from Heaven" /Library Thursday 8:30 Pickle ball 9:30 Water Exercise 6:30 Euchre Friday 8:30 Pickle ball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 9:00 Chicks with Kicks 1:00 6 Deck Canasta 7:00 Karaoke Saturday 8:15 Coffee 8:30 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise
Sunday Show Series #3 Christopher John-One Man Show 2 PM	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
Easter Brunch 2 PM Ice Cream Social 7 PM	21  1 PM	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30				
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FUN FACTS ABOUT ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Deb Williams

1. The color green is synonymous with St. Patrick's Day, and people worldwide wear green clothing and accessories to mark the occasion. This tradition is rooted in Irish folklore, which suggests that wearing green makes one invisible to mischievous leprechauns, who are said to pinch anyone they can see. The shamrock, a three-leafed plant, is another prominent symbol associated with the holiday, as it is believed that St. Patrick used it to teach about the Holy Trinity.
2. Food plays a significant role in St. Patrick's Day celebrations, with many people enjoying traditional Irish dishes. Corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, and colcannon (a dish made of mashed potatoes and cabbage) are some of the most popular choices. Soda bread, a simple yet delicious type of bread made with baking soda instead of yeast, is often served alongside these meals.
3. In the United States, St. Patrick's Day has become a major cultural event, with large celebrations in cities like Boston, Chicago, and New York. Irish immigrants played a significant role in shaping the holiday's prominence in America. The first recorded St. Patrick's Day parade took place in New York City in 1762, long before Ireland itself hosted official parades.
4. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in many other countries, including Canada, Australia, Argentina, and Japan. In Canada, Montreal hosts a large parade that dates back to 1824. Meanwhile, Australia's cities light up with Irish-themed events, and Argentina's capital, Buenos Aires, holds one of the largest St.

- Patrick's Day festivals in South America.
5. St. Patrick's original color was blue, not green. The color green became associated with him due to Ireland's nickname, "The Emerald Isle."
6. More than 13 million pints of Guinness are consumed worldwide on St. Patrick's Day.
7. The Irish name for St. Patrick's Day is "Lá Fhéile Pádraig."
8. The shortest St. Patrick's Day parade takes place in Hot Springs, Arkansas, covering just 98 feet.

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AROUND THE CORNER

Lorelei Millett

I can't believe it is March already. The winter months are flying by so we need to get in as much fun as we can. I was looking up what the month of March is known for and discovered that it is recognized as International Creativity Month! That is great news for all of you who need an excuse to explore new hobbies, interests, skills, and passions! Hopefully, you can find some creative things to do Around the Corner from our wonderful community.

Tampa Zoo

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Chuck and I visited the Tampa Zoo last month and we thought it was great. The new Dinos Unearthed Exhibit was wonderful. The dinosaurs were very lifelike and moved and made sounds. One even spit on you if you weren't careful! They have information about each of the dinosaurs, what they ate, and how they lived. We also thought the Primate exhibit and African Safari exhibit very well done. They have plenty of benches and shade trees along the paved pathways. Even a few mist stations to cool you off. They are open daily from 9:30 to 5:00. I bought a season pass that allows the members to go as often as they like and bring a guest for FREE.

Palmetto's Heritage Festival

March 1st 10:00 – 1:00

515 10th Avenue

Join the fun for this FREE family event. Go and celebrate the history of our Palmetto Community. If you have never visited this wonderful park, now is a great time. They will have guided tours of the

buildings, crafts, and outreach information tables. The Manatee County Agricultural Museum is in the park and has tons of information on the history of farming in the area.

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March 6th – March 9th

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Quill to Ink Calligraphy Workshop

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This class will be held on March 12th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. You will need to register for the class. Go to www.mymanatee.org

Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time is March 9th and Spring begins on March 20th!

Safe travels,

Lorelei Millett



RECENT ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK



In the first of our Sunday Show Series, Star Newman, magician, comedian, and mentalist, performed for CLVII. As you can tell by the pictures, she involved many of our residents on stage to help her perform. It was an enjoyable afternoon and our residents seemed to have a good time throughout the show.



Rye Road was the entertainment for our Black & White Valentine's Day Dance. This was our first experience having them for our entertainment and they did not disappoint. The dance floor was full all night and the residents had a great time. Whether dancing or snuggling a little, the residents enjoyed the company of neighbors and friends and some enjoyed the evening with their special sweetie.

RECENT ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK



The Fulcos provided the entertainment for our dance on January 18th. They did not let us down. The music was great and the residents were up dancing the entire night. Everyone had a wonderful time and the Fulcos provided an evening we won't soon forget. We also had a birthday girl in the audience, Lynne Rowland, and she was asked to join the band to perform one of their songs. What a great birthday surprise.

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 & Fri 9:00 a.m.

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Yoga – Wed 10 a.m.

Coordinator: Jennifer Berglund 716-471-4599

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 – Tuesday 1 p.m.

Coordinator: Jim Roberts 410-465-0159

Potluck & Social Hour - Tuesday 4 p.m.

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Darts - Tuesday 7 p.m.

Coordinator: Walter Hull 614-578-6562

Feather Your Nest – Thursday 6 p.m.

Coordinator: Kevin Karcher 609-929-2211

Canasta - Friday 1 p.m.

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Karaoke - Friday 7 p.m.

*Coordinators: Cherry Vickery 941-301-7782
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March Sudoku

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Mar 2	Barb Gibson	Mar 18	Bill Bazydlo
Mar 2	Vickie	Mar 18	Samantha
	Mensen-Quint		Callegari
Mar 7	Richard Sicotte	Mar 18	Connie Corbin
Mar 8	Jim Sullivan	Mar 20	Sandy Kaple
Mar 10	Phyllis Borders	Mar 22	Sue Sterling
Mar 11	Vince Boris	Mar 24	Karen Psimer
Mar 12	Jenny Martin	Mar 24	Lynn Hascher
Mar 13	Lorraine Baker	Mar 25	Christina Rhodes
Mar 14	Bree Borders	Mar 27	Richard Bozarth
Mar 14	Rick Vega	Mar 27	Patrick Gallagher
Mar 14	Karen Colby	Mar 27	Mike Dolloff
Mar 15	Sharon Stevens	Mar 27	Nancy Gallagher
Mar 15	Michael Gervascio	Mar 28	Ken Tuman
Mar 16	Ron Beck	Mar 28	Deb Autry
Mar 16	Jeffrey Bakran	Mar 29	Mike Malavenda
Mar 17	Dave DeLong	Mar 30	Maria
			Oelenschlager

March Anniversaries

Mar 12...James & Angela Porter.....
 Mar 13...Larry & Betty Collins..... 60 Years
 Mar 16...R. C. & Cherry Vickery 62 Years
 Mar 18...Daniel & Cynthia Lynch
 Mar 20...Fred & Lynn Hascher..... 55 Years
 Mar 25...Rick & Donna Hinton

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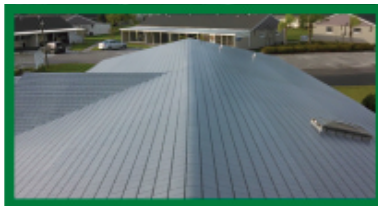
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