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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA)

Theresa Stevens, HOA President

Wow! November already, I am glad to be done with October though with all the damage from Hurricane Milton to so many homes in our park it is devastating. On the bright side, it has brought our community together, and many people are helping one another. We had Kevin Karcher and many others helping to clear debris at the homes of people who were here and those still up north. Thank you, everyone, it makes me and everyone so proud to be a part of this community. We stand strong together!

We also had our best turnout at our HOA Meeting since I have been on the board, we had 53 people. I was so happy to see so many attend and share their stories and opinions. We had Ron Lorenz lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance he does a great job and is always there

to help keep our park safe. We had 3 people present their Bio's for the upcoming election there are two positions opened, JoAnn Dodge, Reese Rickards, and Pete Kerns all presented their bio's, and they are all great candidates. There is still time for anyone else who would like to seek a position. They can email them to Deb Williams, present them in writing, or at the podium during the November 6th meeting.

Thanks to Linda Weber and Deb Williams, we now have 81 HOA Member's which is much higher than last year and we are not done yet. Our goal is to have everyone become a member to help our community stay strong. If you are not a member please contact either of these ladies to pay your \$10.00 dues and get your membership card which will also give you the privilege to vote in our election.

We also now have 61 proxies that will give us the ability to speak with Bob Miller on your behalf. If you have not signed a proxy yet there are extras at the clubhouse inside the side door. If you are not in residence yet, please contact Deb Williams,

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CLVII HOA Board of Directors:

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(941-304-7756 or dawilliams1031@yahoo. com and she will be happy to get a copy of the proxy for you to fill out and sign.

Angel passed out information and explained what Chapter 723 Statutes and Rules and Regulations are about. This can be very confusing to most people. Thank you Angel for sharing your knowledge with us.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and let's all pray for good weather, great

friendship with our neighbors and family in CLVII. God Bless you all!

Sincerely,

Theresa Stevens, HOA President

RESIDENTS' ACTIVITY COMMITTEE (RAC) *Kevin Karcher, RAC President*

There will not be an article from the RAC board for the November issue.

Kevin Karcher **RAC President**

CLVII RAC Board of Directors:

Kevin Karcher - President

Dianne Meyaard - Vice President

Judy Faries - Treasurer

Lisa Eurick - Secretary

Directors: Anna Syjud

Deb Williams

Dave Magne

Judy Marshall

Joanne Fandey

FROM THE MANAGEMENT

News from the Managers Desk

Terry West, CLV Community Manager

We understand the devastation that has come in the form of Hurricane Milton! Please note that the clean-up crew that MHM has contracted is here to clean up heavy debris.

Please do not expect them to clear your entire yard of things like styrofoam, leaves, small twigs, and small branches. This should be done by each homeowner. Thank you for helping us help you get back to some sort of normal. The tree companies will be going through and clearing large downed branches & trees as best they can in order of priority with downed trees being #1 priority then they will address the limbs still attached and not posing an immediate danger. This will be an ongoing process so please try to be patient. Thank you

- CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOMES OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER! The October Winners are: CLV1- #304 Gail Doherty; & CLV2 - #2023 Gale Hartwell. Congrats to both winners. Due to Hurricane Milton's devastation, Home of the Month will be suspended until further notice.
- Reminder that Milton was an extreme hurricane that hit us almost directly. Things will not be back to normal for a while, including internet providers having trouble getting back up and running. Please be patient with all services while everyone tries to create the new normal for us for some time now.
- This is a reminder for all Smartaira (formerly Lux) users that for any support issues, please call their Support at 877-589-3015.
- For all of you who are now returning to the park from being away; check in with the office so we can update the address to where you are now. You can call, email, or drop by to check in. We hope **your homes survived Hurricane Milton!**
- · We know that these are difficult and different times but please remember even now we need to know who is staying in the

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parks and that all guests/seasonal renters 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, no more than a total of 30 days per calendar year. If staying longer as in the seasonal renters, they must be age-qualified and screened by submitting an application to the office as stated in the Community Rules as well.

- Dog owners need to pick up their own pet's droppings as soon as it happens- even if in your yard. This is in the rules and is a good practice in helping to keep the park looking its best and to avoid spreading disease. Cats must be kept inside the home except when on a leash, just as dogs must be leashed if outside the home at all times. Drainage ditches, waterways, easements, or storage areas <u>are not</u> to be used as waste depositories. We have cited some for throwing dogs' feces into the storm sewer that leads to our lakes. If you know of a violator, please report it to the office with the identity of the offender.
- It is very important especially now with snowbirds returning, that all RVs, Boats, and trailers parked in the RV storage area in CLV1 or CLV2 must have a current registration and have been pre-approved by the office. Failure to do so may result in towing. This free amenity is to be used for vehicles that are roadworthy not a storage place for useless junk. If we tag it with the ORANGE sticker to move or get towed, that is the only warning to be issued. Towing is at your expense not ours.
- The mandatory annual census will be mailed within the first 10 days of December. This is every year and must be completed fully and returned to the office no later than the return date

on the census. There will be copies available at the office to pick up if you do not receive it before Christmas, or if you lose it, or tossed it by mistake.

NOTES FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Dave Vossberg, Advisory Board

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 in 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 with management 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.

Through the Advisory Board, resident issues are facilitated with Terry West,

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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 review and approval of social funds, the direction of improvements in the parks, along with other issues that may arise.

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.

Additional items for discussion with Terry at the September 18, 2024 meeting included:

Additional Bookcases are needed in the CLVII library. As of September 18, 2024, Terry will check into this.

Fountain update, CLVI. As of September 18, 2024, the part has arrived and the fountain will be installed by a vendor.

Hot Tub Resurfacing: As of September 18, 2024, New bids have been taken and approved for re-surfacing. Tubs will be hand-cleaned weekly by maintenance.

Updates will be posted in the clubhouses as possible.

Submitted by Dave Vossberg, Advisory Chairperson

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Deb Williams, Editor

There isn't much to report for the month from the editor's standpoint.



I would like to thank all the people who have been so helpful to our neighbors and residents since Milton hit our community. It was shocking to return to our community the Friday after the storm and see the devastation Milton handed out to some in our community. I don't think we were prepared for the sights we would see. Even though many will be dealing with damage to their homes I am so thankful that no life was lost and we can return to our homes again.

Walter Hull and the darts group will coordinate the Christmas toy donations event again this year. This event is open to all residents of CLVII and your donation to this great cause is always welcome. Cash donations are preferred and a check will be presented to the organization. If you have any questions please contact Walter Hull at 614-578-6562 or drop off your donation to him at 2167 Lakeside.

Deb Williams, Editor

SUNSHINE CORNER

Peggy Seiler, Coordinator

This past month, all of us have faced the challenges brought by Hurricane Helena and then devastating Hurricane Milton. It only took a drive through our village to see the damage it brought to many homes, especially where large trees fell on the roof. Many had lanais or carports blown off or seriously damaged, but we are all so thankful that there was no loss of life.

It was good to see neighbors helping and caring for one another as much as possible.

This is the HALLMARK that we as a 55+ community can be proud to be known for.

Since our last edition of the Village Voice, Ed Ledbetter, a long-time resident, and once an avid golfer, has passed away.

Mary Pinter's mother, Jane Haley, also passed away in New York.

Our hearts have ached for Fay Wells in the passing of her precious daughter.

Not only did we send cards to all, but it was a blessing to see community folk visiting and sharing with bereaved loved ones and friends in their time of sorrow.

We may not always understand the trials that face us, but I am sure that God loves each one of us and He will see us through the storms of life. Be it the loss of a loved one or the storms of wind and rain. Perhaps you would add an "Amen" to this!

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



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).

December 19th to BOK TOWER, Lake Wales, where you can walk through many garden trails, tour El Tetiro mansion, enjoy listening to the singing Carillon Bells every half hour, and a restaurant and gift shop. Lunch and round trip bus are also included. Pick-up will be at CLVI. We will be sharing a bus with Tera Ceia. The price is \$125. There are only 25 seats still available so if you are

interested call 607-742-9949 to reserve your seat. A sign-up sheet will be on your travel board hopefully in October.

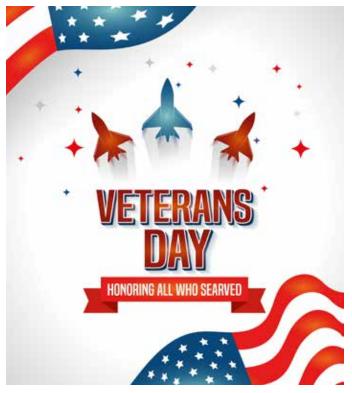
On January 31st a 2-day trip to the Buddy Holly Story, and his 50's music at Broadway Palms in Ft. Myers. Tickets are \$145 and include the musical show, a huge buffet lunch, tips, and a round-trip bus from CLVI. We will have our own full bus.

We are also working on a trip to Space Kennedy Center in February and a Calypso Breeze luncheon and music day cruise in March. 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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CLVII Annual Veterans Day Celebration Monday, November 11, 2024

Golf Cart Parade to begin at noon. Please line up at the clubhouse at 11:45. A flag ceremony honoring our veterans at the front gate during the parade then return to clubhouse for lunch.

MNM BBQ Catering will be preparing lunch.

Menu:

Burgers

Hot Dogs

Baked Beans

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Buns

Condiments

Tickets on sale October 21 \$10 refundable at the door See Deb Williams, 2072 Tranquility Lane for tickets.

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.

COFFEE TIME
Join us for Saturday
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THINGS TO DO IN THE PARK

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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CLVII UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

Monday, November 11, Veterans Day: 12-3, food catered by M-N-M BBQ. BYOB, 50/50.

Friday, November 15: rescheduled Senile Delinquents Dance. 7-10pm, BYOB & 50/50.

<u>Sunday, November 24:</u> 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. BYOB

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.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THANKSGIVING

Deb Williams

- 1. The first Thanksgiving took place in 1621.
- 2. The current U.S. president pardons a turkey every Thanksgiving.
- 3. Macy's has put on a parade every Thanksgiving since 1924.
- 4. Thanksgiving is the biggest travel day of the year.
- 5. Americans eat over 280 million turkeys every Thanksgiving.
- 6. Thanksgiving is based on the colonial Pilgrims' 1621 harvest meal.
- 7. President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day in 1863.
- 8. American law sets Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November.



RECENT ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK

























On September 21st RAC hosted a dance for our community. The entertainment for the evening was Matt Brown. We had quite a few residents and friends showing off their dancing skills for us to enjoy. We always appreciate how RAC ensures residents have a fun night out with friends and neighbors.



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Nov 12 Mary Tramutola

Nov 12 Patti Orlic

Nov 14 Sandra Coseglia

Nov 15 George Schrode

Nov 18 Brent Aarestad

Nov 18 Jeff Naylor

Nov 18 Sue Dibble

Nov 19 Fred Hascher

Nov 19 Charlie Walker

Nov 20 Laura Reynolds

Nov 21 Marlin Ashcraft

Nov 22 Brenda Jackson

Nov 23 Wayne Gray

Nov 24 Robert Owens

Nov 26 Joseph DeMay

Nov 27 Sheryl Hafner

Nov 27 Tom Martel

Nov 27 Thomas Mahady

Nov 27 Janet Herhold

Nov 27 Rosa Carvalho

Nov 28 Gayle Bouchard

Nov 29 Jerry Meyaard

Nov 29 Connie Pollack

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 1	William & Stephanie Smith
Nov 1	Frank & Jeannie LeMacher
Nov 2	Kula & Danica Winkler

Nov 3 Kyle & Denise Winkler

Nov 6 Wendell

& Sandy Maxham 60 Years

Nov 6 Joseph & Brenda Prisco

Nov 7 Kevin & Karen Colby

Nov 7 Walter & Sylvia Hull

Nov 7 Bob & Carla Moriarty

Nov 8 Patrick & Nancy Gallagher

Nov 9 Lon &

Jacquie Weigand 56 Years

Nov 11 Tom & Marianne Carrigan

Nov 23 Chet & Anna Syjud 51 Years

Nov 23 Ed & Sharon Benedict

Nov 29 Jim & Taz Roberts 55 Years

Nov 30 Kevin & Mary Tramutola



If you need to change your email, birthday, or anniversary, please contact Deb Williams at 941-304-7756 and leave a message. Make sure you put in your name and lot number when you do.

HOME OF THE MONTH

Newby Management chose Gale Hartwell's home for the October Home of the Month. Congratulations to Gale on her beautiful home.







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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 last month.

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 that need to be answered and submitted to Dave Vossberg by November 1, 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?

RESIDENT INPUT TO ADVISORY BOARD

Board Member _____

Name	Phone#	Date	
NameItem of Concern			
			 -
SuggestedSolutionbyPersonN	amedAbove		
Action Taken by Board Member		Date	
Items to be submitted to the Boa	rd are those which affec	t more than one househo	old.

Personal Issues should be addressed individually to the park Manager.

Advisory Board Members: Sue Dibble, Bree Borders, Sandy Gilbertson, Sue Eckert, Bruce Steltzer and Chairperson Dave Vossberg.

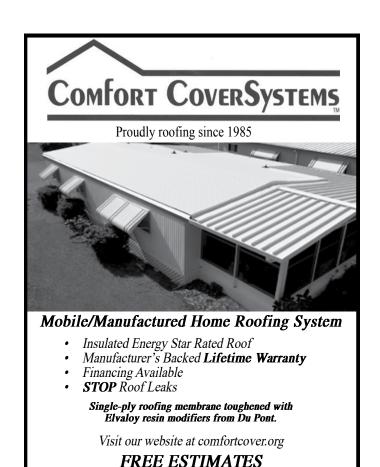
HOA MEETING RULES

The HOA will be initiating the following rules for the HOA resident meetings held on the 1st Wednesday of each month. These meetings are held once a month from November through April during the year.

- Meetings will begin promptly at 7pm.
- Table talk will not be tolerated while either an HOA board member is speaking, or a resident is addressing the membership.
- All residents must make statements or ask questions from the podium.
- Anyone addressing the HOA/residents from the podium will be given 3 minutes of speaking time. A
 timer will be set and after your 3 minutes are up you will be asked to return to your seat.
- Each resident will be allotted 3 minutes of talking time per subject.
- For issues that must be addressed by the Advisory Board there will be sheets provided on each table that can be filled out and given to the HOA board that will be forwarded on to the Advisory Board for consideration.
- Moving forward, an agenda for the residents meeting will be sent via email to all residents. This will provide residents with the opportunity to have questions or concerns ready for the meeting.
- Also, meeting notes from the HOA residents meeting will be sent out via email by the HOA secretary to all residents within 10 days of the meeting.
- There will be a Sergeant at Arms at all HOA resident meetings. Any person who does not act with respect and consideration during the meeting will be requested to leave by the Sergeant at Arms present at the meeting. The HOA cannot allow our resident meetings to become unruly and make residents feel uncomfortable. The HOA must always maintain order to ensure a productive and informative meeting for all residents.
- Please state your name and lot number when presenting a motion.
- Please state your name and lot number when seconding a motion.







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