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The Village Voice

Newsletter For Country Lakes Village II

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RESIDENTS' ACTIVITY COMMITTEE (RAC)

Kevin Karcher, RAC President

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

Kevin Karcher
RAC President



HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA)

Theresa Stevens, HOA President

Happy October, it's that time of year when the weather starts to cool slightly and the Snowbirds start slowly heading back south.

We had a nice turnout at our last HOA Meeting, Randy Sizelove led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone should have received their Proxy document by either email or mail. They are also available at the side entrance of the clubhouse and the HOA blue box is there to put them in. This is for lease owners only because the signed proxy gives the HOA your permission to speak to MHM about rent increases. So please, if you have not already turned yours in do so right away. The co-op is not part of the Proxy because they have a contract in place with MHM. Next year we hope to have DocuSign ready to make this easier.

It is that time of year again to update your CLVII Membership which is only \$10.00. We will have a table set up at different functions at the Clubhouse and at the October meeting to make it easier to get your New 2025 Card. The HOA Board member resident vote may be necessary for the 2025 HOA Board. This will depend on the need to replace any board

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CLVII RAC Board of Directors:

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member who decides not to remain on the board for the 2025 year. Updates to follow.

The HOA 723 will be meeting with MHM Bob Miller on October 8th about the Rules and Regulations. We will be able to update everyone at the October meeting. The date for the HOA Resident meeting has been changed to October 9th.

See everyone at the October 9th HOA Meeting.

Sincerely,
Theresa Stevens, HOA President

<p>CLVII HOA Board of Directors: Theresa Stevens – President Bill Bazydlo – Vice President Jennifer Berglund – Treasurer Deb Williams – Secretary Craig Taunt – Director Bob Moriarity – Director Linda Weber – Director Vickie Mensen – Director Jackie Russell – Director</p> 

FROM THE MANAGEMENT

News from the Managers Desk

Terry West, CLV Community Manager

Home of the Month Winners!

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

CLV1-#254 Chuck & Sue Eckert & CLV2-#2003-Gerry & Lillian Monteleone. Thank you for all your hard work in making your homes the pick of the month. Good luck to all trying to be chosen in the coming months.

Gate Update- We know it sounds like a canned response but it really is a fact- We have not been given a date yet when they will be operational, but it will be in the near

future. The gates will remain open during the day just like the old gates were. There will be the 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 #. If you have a 3-digit lot # then add a zero in front. **EXAMPLE- Lot 200 = 0200.** That is all we know as of this writing, when we know more you will be apprised.

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

Social media- Please note that the newly adopted rule that was mailed to everyone in both parks is in effect now in CLV1 and will be in effect 11/1/24 in CLV2 stating that no anonymous posts are allowed on any and all social media pages for CLV. Also. negative comments toward management or other residents cannot be posted. Please abide by this new rule as you should all other posted and approved rules of the community.

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

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

Speed limit: Please drive slowly through the communities- Our streets in the parks are

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not a thoroughfare. It is private property and speed limit signs are posted everywhere- PLEASE OBSERVE THE 15 MPH LIMIT FOR SAFETY OF ALL. Also please DO NOT cut through the community clubhouse lots to cut off a few seconds. There are always people milling about so if not going to the community clubhouse specifically, please avoid the lots.

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

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

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



NOTES FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Dave Vossberg, Advisory Board

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Bob Miller, the 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.

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

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

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

Items brought to Management on August 21, 2024:

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

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

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

Ice machine in CLVI status 8/21/2024 (A new ice machine has been installed.)

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

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

Hot Tub Resurfacing I and II: 8/21/2024 Terry continues to send emails to have bids

approved. Maintenance will begin cleaning hot tubs weekly. They are both in good working order but need resurfacing.

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

Thank You for Recycling!

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

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

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Deb Williams, Editor

I am adding a reminder to the October Village Voice to request that any event coordinators starting up their events (Chicks with Kicks, line dancing, etc) please advise me when you will start up your events again for the winter months. I need this information to update the calendars for those months. I requested this information in the September Village Voice and have not received any responses. If you do not advise me when your events are starting up I cannot update the calendars and your event will not be listed. Also, if there are any changes to the days and/or times of those events, I will need that information.



In consideration of the upcoming Halloween holiday I have changed the Fun Facts About Florida to Fun Facts about Halloween. I hope you enjoy the change.

At the request of the HOA, I have added the attachment for October reminding residents

of the rules regarding the HOA resident meetings. The HOA meetings over the summer have been a bit informal and with the snowbirds returning, and hopefully the increase in attendance, the HOA felt they should remind everyone of the rules in place at those meetings. These rules were put in place so everyone has a chance to speak and be heard, maintain an orderly meeting, and ensure the secretary can take notes of board members' and residents' comments, discussions, and concerns. Please go over these rules before attending the October 9th meeting.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Peggy Seiler, Coordinator

Will this be our last month of high temperatures and sapping humidity?

It is always a joy to learn of people who are recovering! They have been told, via a card or email, that they have CARING friends at CLVII.



Jennifer Berglund has recovered from back surgery.

Helen Evanson is over Covid.

Janet Wright was not well but has also recovered.

There are a few others who have received our cards but do not wish to have their names or illnesses mentioned in our magazine. We respect those wishes.

Our great loss since our last article has been the passing of Ed Sterling, a long-time resident of CLVII. He passed away peacefully on the 4th of September. Our condolences to all, near or far, and especially to Paula Borrero who will greatly miss Ed.

Fay Wells has a seriously ill daughter.

Doctors are doing all they can for her. Prayers are much appreciated.

To all who help in love and caring as a community...I sincerely THANK YOU.

Until next time.....Blessings

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.

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Bev

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.

COME DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH SILVER ALERT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 7—10 PM

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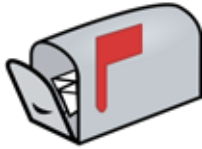


COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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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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*

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*

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Coordinators: *Cherry Vickery 941-301-7782*

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FUN FACTS ABOUT HALLOWEEN

Deb Williams



1. The first Jack O' Lanterns were made from turnips.
2. Halloween is the second highest-grossing commercial holiday after Christmas.
3. The owl is a popular Halloween image. In Medieval Europe, owls were thought to be witches, and to hear an owl's call meant someone was about to die.
4. "Halloween" is short for "Hallows' Eve" or "Hallows' Evening," which was the evening before All Hallows' (sanctified or holy) Day or Hallowmas in November. To convert pagans, the Christian church decided that Hallowmas or All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2) should assimilate sacred pagan holidays that fell on or around October 31.
5. Black and orange are typically associated with Halloween. Orange is a symbol of strength and endurance and, along with brown and gold, stands for the harvest and autumn. Black is typically a symbol of death and darkness and acts as a reminder that Halloween once was a festival that marked the boundaries between life and death.
6. According to tradition, if a person wears his or her clothes inside out and then walks backward on Halloween, he or she will see a witch at midnight.
7. Halloween is thought to have originated around 4000 B.C., which means Halloween has been around for over 6,000 years.

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13	14	15	16 RAC Resident Meeting 7PM	17 Feather Your Nest 6PM	18	19	
20	21  1 PM	22	23	24 Feather Your Nest 6PM	25	26  Dance Silver Alert 7-10 PM	
27	28	29	30	 Halloween Dance Taylor & Taylor 7-10 PM	31		 (Check facebook to confirm)

FOR CALENDAR CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS, CALL DEB WILLIAMS AT 941-304-7756 or e-mail

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	 (Check facebook to confirm)
Friendsgiving Dinner 2-4 PM 				Feather Your Nest 6PM			

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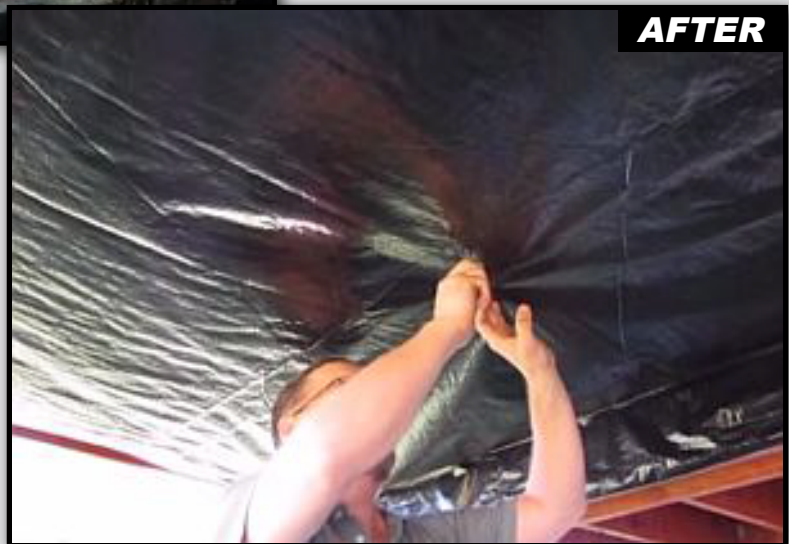
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OCTOBER AROUND THE CORNER

Lore Millet

Welcome to Fall! Can't believe October is here already and the snowbirds are returning to our wonderful community. With that being said, I've had several friends and relatives that have taken "FALLS" recently, so I thought why not give a few tips to prevent those falls from happening in the first place so you'll be able to take a few "TRIPS" Around the Corner!

Fall Proof your home

Eliminate clutter

Remove area rugs

If you have smooth surface

floors wear rubber-soled shoes/slippers or wear slip-proof socks like they give you at the hospital

-Keep Healthy

Medications can make you dizzy so stand up slowly, especially at night

Take your time

Build stronger muscles and bones by doing strength/stability/balance exercises

(YouTube has several free videos) or maybe we can start a class here.



Markets Are Starting Back Up!

Waypoint Artisan Market will be starting back up for the season. Their first showing will be on October 12th from 11-3. This is a small Market with mostly local vendors. I think it is just the right size to check out the local artisans. The restaurant also offers great food, and they usually have music for your entertainment. The address is just north of us at 11000 US Hwy 41 N.

Get Outdoors!

If You're Looking to take in the Great

Outdoors why not stop at one of our local Preserves? **Perico Preserve** has a tour scheduled for October 19th from 9 am – 11 am. You must register for this tour at UF/IFAS Extension Manatee County. You can also walk around the Preserve any day from sunup to sundown. It is a short trail with a very easy path.

Also check out **Weedon Island Preserve** just to the north of us in St. Petersburg, 1800 Weedon Drive North, St. Petersburg. Many of their trails are boardwalks so it makes it easier for folks to get around. They have a nature center that is open Thursday – Saturday 9 am – 4 pm. It is worth going when the center is open as it has a lot of history of the area. They also have webinars and in-person programs. Check out their website at www.weedonislandpreserve.org for the schedule.

Music In The Park will be starting back up. Just across the bridge at 452 3rd Ave the Bradenton area will be providing music for your evening entertainment. October 4th will be Mama Fuma (Latin Funk), October 11th will be Abba Nova (Tribute to Abba), October 18 will feature Eric Von Band (Country) and on October 25th Jah Movement (Reggae) will be the entertainment. The music starts at 7:30 but make sure to get there early and bring your lawn chairs. They will also have food trucks available.

At The Manatee Library, Palmetto Branch

Want to know more about the history of our area? On October 24th from 2-3 a ranger will be speaking to the Palmetto Branch of the Library on "A History of Indigenous People of Southeastern United States". You will need to sign up early for this class so go to www.manateelibrary.libcal.com to register.

RECENT ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK



CLVII Labor Day celebration marked the beginning of our 'fall' season and the slow return of our snowbirds. We had great food and entertainment. Our party was enjoyed by many residents and everyone enjoyed their food and entertainment. Our official 'jello shot girl', Sandy Santino, was there to share some of her awesome treats and a good time was had by residents who attended.

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Newby Management chose Gerry & Lillian's home for the September Home of the Month. Congratulations to Gerry & Lillian on their beautiful home.



Congratulations to Sherry Hayes for being the jackpot winner at the September 12 Feather Your Nest night. Sherry's jackpot was \$278.....WOW, fabulous win, Sherry. This has become such a fun event and we encourage all residents to come and enjoy the fun and maybe become the jackpot winner next Thursday. We play every Thursday at 6 PM at the CLVII Clubhouse.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Oct 4 Tom Schneider
- Oct 4 Elaine Burchell
- Oct 4 Robert Brown
- Oct 5 Faith Abraham
- Oct 7 Bob Autry
- Oct 8 Gregory Colton
- Oct 8 Richard Huys
- Oct 10 Jay Pinkley
- Oct 11 Bob Moriarty
- Oct 12 Judy Hafner
- Oct 12 Fran Baker-Boyle
- Oct 13 Lon Simpson
- Oct 14 Paul Atherton
- Oct 15 Dave Magne
- Oct 15 Lois Stannard
- Oct 18 Sandy Maxham
- Oct 20 Darryl Jirinec
- Oct 22 Marianne Carrigan
- Oct 22 Betty Moore
- Oct 24 Wendell Maxham
- Oct 24 Ed Kay
- Oct 25 Steve Kaple
- Oct 25 John Boland
- Oct 28 Michelle Leeds
- Oct 29 Fay Wells
- Oct 30 Judith Marshall
- Oct 31 Deb Williams



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Oct 5 Chuck & Lore Millet 50 Years
- Oct 10 Dave & Colleen Magne
- Oct 13 Gerald & Karen Psimer
- Oct 17 Van & Mary VanVleet 53 Years
- Oct 31 Steve & Lorraine Baker



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.

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CLVII UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

Saturday, October 5: rescheduled Kevin Brooks Dance. 7-10pm, BYOB & 50/50.

Saturday, October 19: Silver Alert dance. 7-10 PM, BYOB & 50/50.

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

Friday, November 15: rescheduled Senile Delinquents Dance. 7-10pm, 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.

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

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?

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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