

The Gator Gazette

*The Official Newsletter of
Country Lakes Village I
Residents' Activity Club*



JANUARY, 2026

CLV Website: www.countrylakesvillage.com



Annual Holiday Donations

Each year Fr. Walter Heinz and Rick Koepke head the holiday donation project in which CLVI residents donate money to purchase turkeys for Thanksgiving and ham dinners at Christmas for both the Salvation Army and Our Daily Bread.

Delivering the turkeys to Salvation Army were, from left: Craig Koepke, Sandy Gilbertson, Mel Kapral, Salvation Army employee and Rick Koepke. Not shown are Fr. Walter and Martha Ackerman.

Fr. Walter and Rick wish to thank all those who have faithfully supported this project through the years. This year has been no exception.

See Page 9 for Our Daily Bread photo and the next February issue for Christmas giving photos.



A Caring Community

Residents of CLVI has joined CLVII in collecting items for the Palmetto organization, Feeding Empty Little Tummies. F.E.L.T. was founded in 2010 to feed our homeless students on weekends, a time when these children often go hungry. Every Friday volunteers provide food-filled backpacks to children who rely on school meals. **This is an ongoing project for CLV.**

Items needed are tuna, chicken, spam packets, Vienna sausages, Individual Mac N' Cheese, Ravioli/Spaghetti Cups, Pudding Cups, Fruit Cups, Breakfast Bars/Granola Bars, Snack Crackers, Ramen Noodles/Cup of Noodles, Fruit Bars. Volunteers bag items and they are given to students in need on Fridays.

CLVI also donates half the money earned through the Pink Flamingo project to F.E.L.T. *See Page 17.*

Upcoming Meetings

7 p.m. Residents' Club Meeting
Wednesday, January 7, 2026
CLVI Clubhouse

(All CLVI residents are welcome and encouraged to attend)

6 p.m. HOA General Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026



Manager's Corner

January, 2026

Office: 941-722-0556

email: Admin.clv@newbymanagement.com

Emergency: 844-285-2099

Katie Dell



Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. As we start 2026, we look forward to another productive year in Country Lakes Villages. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in making CLV1 and CLV2 such warm and welcoming communities.

BlueStream Fiber Internet Install

Installations for BlueStream will begin January 12th. If you have not yet scheduled your installation appointment, please contact BlueStream directly using the following numbers:

CLV1: 941-219-5105

CLV2: 941-248-3497

Please call Monday–Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and select the option for “New Services.”

Tree Trimming

Oaks will be trimmed during the first two weeks of January. An arborist will determine which oaks require trimming and will create the list directly. Residents do not need to contact the office regarding trees — the arborist will handle the assessments independently.

Oaks are trimmed twice per year, and the next trimming will occur later in the year.

Palm trees are also trimmed twice per year. Their next trimming will be scheduled in the coming months.

Residents are responsible for trimming any other trees that are not oaks or the taller palms.



**See Page 10
to meet some of our
New Residents**

Welcome 2026!
We Wish You and Yours
A Very Happy New Year!!
From All the
Newsletter Contributors



Pet Courtesy

A reminder to all pet owners: dogs must be leashed at all times. Please pick up after your pets and use the dog park or common areas rather than residents' lawns. Your cooperation helps keep the community clean, pleasant and safe for everyone.

A Look Ahead

We honor and remember all residents and their families we have lost in 2025. Missing loved ones is always difficult and I hope you continue to share your memories with me.

I have officially hit my 1-year anniversary at CLV and couldn't be happier! I'm excited for another year of supporting one another and growing together as a community.
— Katie

Editor's Note: Congratulations, Katie! Especially in surviving the chaos in CLV! We hope this year will be a little calmer and bring peace and tranquility to our little slice of Paradise!

Snowflake Dance

Saturday, January 17
7-10 p.m.

Put on your dancing shoes:

Westbound & Down
will provide the music

**No tickets needed. Sign up on
the Clubhouse Bulletin Board**

BYOB & Snacks

Host for the evening is
Ginny Sherman

Come, dance the night away!

Country Lakes Village I Residents' Activity Club

JANUARY, 2026

residentsclub5700@gmail.com

Board Members: Mary Kay Relich, Co-Chair; Kendal Taylor, Treasurer; Brigitte Emond, Secretary; Directors: Donna Corcoran, Jay Henry, Ruth Kingston, Suz Eckert and Jim Dunn.



Sue Meyer, Chair

2025-2026

Happy New Year, Residents!

As we welcome 2026, the Residents Activity Club is excited to kick off another year filled with engaging activities, new friendships and plenty of opportunities to connect with your neighbors. We hope you all had a joyful holiday season and are ready to join us in making this year our most vibrant yet!

Upcoming January Events:

- ♦ **January 17, 7-10 p.m.** will be our annual Snowflake Dance featuring the Westbound & Down band for your toe-tapping pleasure. BYOB. No tickets required but please sign up in the clubhouse. Jim and Ginny Sherman will be the hosts.
- ♦ Get your "Sherlock Attitude" on!! **January 31** will be our very popular **Murder Mystery Dinner**. This event is always one of the highlights of our season. Tickets will be available soon. Jack and Patty Milhoan will be our super sleuth hosts for the evening.

Several activities are getting underway post-holiday madness — Book Club, Euchre, Shuffleboard, Bridge, Golf, Chair Yoga, Water Exercise, Pickleball — find the fn that speaks to you and join in. **Check the calendar for times and places.**



Volunteer Opportunities:

We're always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help organize events,

lead activities and welcome new members. If you'd like to get involved, please email us at residentsclub5700@gmail.com or contact Sue Meyer, 941-518-1160, or Christine Taylor at 231-838-3733.

Club News & Reminders:

- ♦ The Residents Activity Club's annual election will take place at the January 7 meeting. We have two empty spots to fill on our Board. Please consider getting involved.
- ♦ Do you have ideas for events or activities? Drop your suggestions in the box at the clubhouse or send us a message at the above email address.

Wishing each of you a Happy, Healthy 2026!

Here's to PARADISE!



"Death of a Gangster"

Saturday, January 31, 2026

Doors open at 4:30; Dinner at 5 p.m.; BYOB

Hickory Hollow is planning a great menu served family style.

Jack & Patty Milhoan are hosts. Tickets will be available later this month at Saturday coffee, at 520 Kapok, or call 330-289-6819. However, because this is a catered event, the deadline for reservations is Sunday, January 25th.

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Bring a little Sunshine to Someone's Day

Our Loved Ones who departed in 2025.

Marian Cook, mother of Cheryl Pearce; Carl Frabott Lot 820; Mary Lou Maynard, mother to Christine Taylor, Lot 415; Joe Wilson Lot 333; Chris Hetrick Lot 347; Daniel J O'Neal III, uncle to Ken Nash, Lot 560; Daphne Smith Lot 506; Bill Stillitano Lot 716; Carol Wagstaff Lot 201; Jerry, brother to Bill Layhew, Lot 516; Linda, sister to Sharon Kapral, Lot 215; Mary Ellen, sister to Jim Rorabacher, Lot 230; Mike Shaft Lot 311; Greg Kasch Lot 552; Lou Ranallo Lot 240

Obituaries:



Marian Cook, mother of Cheryl Pearce, passed away with cancer and other health issues. She was 97 years old and lived in Frederick, Maryland. Marian was a war bride and raised two daughters. Send messages to Cheryl and Bill Pearce, Lot 505.

Carl Frabott Lot 820 passed away with health issues. Carl and Robin have lived in our community for about a year. They have been together since 1984. Carl was an OTR truck driver.



Carl is the cousin to Tom Frabott, Lot 209. Carl's parents were also Tom's godparents. His Celebration of Life was in December 2025. Please say a prayer for the Frabott family.

Well Wishes to Snowbirds not in Paradise:

Rod Burgess Lot 264, 4 Trailwood Pl, Halifax, NS, CANADA B3M 3Y1

Pat Dunn, Lot 708. **NEW ADDRESS** is 4144 Bonisteel Rd, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059.

Carol Moncrief, Lot 303. 5530 Frey Ave SW, Canton, OH 44706.

Phyllis Stark, 2003 Somerset Rd, Michigan City, MI 46360;

Mary Wright, Lot 341 is in Manitoba Canada in memory care for Alzheimer's.

Please say a prayer for all our Snowbirds.

Well Wishes to Us in Paradise:

Betty Butler Lot 714; **Rebecca Colby** Lot 717; **Marty Corcoran** Lot 511; **Faye Couch** Lot 524; **Carole DeMoura** Lot 805; **Wayne Doyle** Lot 517; **Gail Gens** Lot 713; **Rick Koepke** Lot 1011; **Gary & Ellen Lewis** Lot 507; **Mike Lierman** Lot 509; **Tim McFarland** Lot 615; **George Milne** Lot 272; **Betty Segraves** Lot 316; **Valerie Steltzer**, Lot 228; **Jim Stevenson** Lot 548; **Michael Wright**, Lot 341 is in Hospice care at Manatee Hospital.

Ellen Guild Lot 806, Ellen is in hospice care. Keep her in your prayers.

Prayers for all our Residents.

"No Postage Needed" is in the clubhouse hallway. You can leave a card in the appropriate slot (by last name) for your greeting and not pay for postage.

To all the CAREGIVERS in our lives. THANK YOU!!

If I did not mention your name this month and you are feeling blue, hopefully you will be in the pink again soon.

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*Board: Dona Turgeon - President, Cathy Kasch - Vice President, Vicki Conde - Secretary
Phyllis Romanelli - Treasurer, Directors: Lynn Turgeon, Art Knight, Tim Burns*

Submitted by: Lynn Turgeon - Director

January 2026

EVERYONE COUNTS!



To Create A Strong Community

Dear Fellow Resident,

The Country Lakes Village Homeowners Association would like to personally WELCOME you to our community! We have all been new arrivals with many questions about our new home and joining

our HOA, is one way to get answers and meet your new neighbors.

Our situation is unique in that, we own our homes but not the land. We are under a single ownership and they govern our park. We are a nonmandatory HOA formed under Florida Chapter 723. We do not make or enforce the community rules or impose fees. Our HOA is comprised of an elected board of directors made up of volunteer park homeowners, like yourself.

Benefit from membership by being involved in our community. Attend meetings to stay informed of current happenings.

Members have the opportunity to provide input and vote on community matters and decisions are made by the majority of members.

Do you have questions about park rules or your prospectus? The HOA can help you interpret these documents, and navigate through them.

Help form committees to benefit our homeowners. You can even volunteer to head a committee. Who knows, you might find a hidden talent for leadership.

Get the most out of your retirement and community and associate with positive people who have one thing in common. *We are all homeowners living in this community.* Be proactive and join CLV1 HOA today!

Membership fee; \$10/year fee includes access to our Facebook page. Please contact Cathy Kasch at 417-7021.



A Warm Welcome To Our New Residents!

Happy New Year!

Welcome Committee - Cathy Kasch & Judy MacInness

Come, Join Us in Any of
These CLVI Activities!



Dominoes
Tuesdays 1 p.m.
CLVI Library



Line Dancing
Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.
CLVI Clubhouse

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M-W-F
10:30-11 a.m.



CLVI Clubhouse

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Ladies, Come, Join Us!

**Wednesday, January 14
11:30 a.m.**

Check the Bulletin Board

For information on Restaurant & Host
Sign-up sheet is in Clubhouse Hallway



Pot Luck

Friday, January 2

CLVI Clubhouse

Bring your favorite dish or dessert and
Join Us for a Social Time, 5 p.m.; Eat at 6.



**Sundays &
Wednesdays**

12 Noon

CLVI Library



**Are You Interested
in a Friendly
Game of Golf?**

If you are interested, please contact
Jay Henry, 540-424-1408



Ping Pong

CLVI Clubhouse

Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.

*For more information, contact
Bruce Steltzer, 716-266-3409*

Shuffleboard

Every Tuesday

9:30 practice; Game on 10 a.m.



Each Monday

6:30 p.m.

Clubhouse Library

It's New...

Intermediate/Low Impact Workout

Monday thru Friday

9:30-10:30 a.m.

For more info, contact
Ruth Kingston, 508-864-5968



**Thursday, January 15
3 p.m. CLVI Library**

The Briar Club

By Kate Quinn

Questions?

**Call Cathy Hudson
561-307-5250**



Pickleball

Instruction is Available

Weekdays 8:30 a.m.

**at CLVII Pickleball Courts or
CLVI by Appointment**

***For Further Info, Call Carol Nims, 413-475-4768
or Gail Doherty, 941-962-0834***

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"CRUISE ALASKA", July 22-29, 2026 on Coral Princess. Hubbard Glacier Glacier Bay National Park, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan and Vancouver British Columbia. You can add on a land package also. Information on your travel boards. If interested or questions.

We're looking at a one hour Logan River Tour in Venice with Dutch treat for lunch and a live band.

Please contact Bev Smith at 607-742-9949 [bevseneca@gmail.com] or Valerie Gill, our travel representative, 941-232-8612 [valatwk@aol.com]

Day trips for 2026 will be posted at a later date.

THANK YOU ALL FOR TRAVELING WITH US!!!



Message from Bev & Larry...

After 11 wonderful years, Larry and Bev Smith have decided to step down from CLV I & II TRAVEL. Looking for any person, couple or group to take over our travel duties which includes cruises, bus trips, day trips and working with a travel agent. Thank You all for your friendships, traveling experiences and many happy memories!!! Please call or e-mail for further information. 607-742-9949 or bevseneca@gmail.com Larry and Bev Smith



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our little community.

Mike's Walking Count

1, 2, 3...

By Mike Lierman



I Wish Everyone a Happy, Healthy and

Safe New Year for 2026!

Counting will continue in February...



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Happy New Year, Everyone! After a fun-filled 2025, we hope you will join those of us planning more fun events in January and February, with a sneak peek in March.

Get your dancing shoes ready for **The Snowflake Dance on Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 7-10 p.m.** Westbound & Down Band will play the best of Southern Rock, Kickin' Country, and Rock n Roll! Doors open at 6 p.m. No tickets required. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. BYOB and snacks. Thank you, Ginny Sherman, for agreeing to host this event.

Are you ready for "Death of a Gangster"! This **1920's Mafia Marriage Murder Mystery will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026.** Join the Dunn family for the mafia wedding of the century! Don your best 1920's wedding attire for the Don and his goons or come dressed as your favorite wise guy or doll. This show will have you in stitches... especially if you're a snitch! Dinner will be served family style – no buffet line. Doors open at 4:30 pm and dinner will be served promptly at 5 pm. The entre will be a chicken and pasta, along with other delights and a yummy chocolate dessert all prepared by Hickory Hollow. Bring your own beverage (BYOB). Tickets are available from Jack and Patty Milhoan at Saturday Coffee, or you can call them at 330-289-6819, or at 520 Kapok Drive. As this is a catered event, ticket deadline will be Sunday, January 25th.

Trivia Nite will be held on Thursday, February 5th starting at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Come join your neighbors for a team-based friendly competition, testing your knowledge on a variety of subjects. Sandy Vossberg is our host for a night of fun and prizes. Snacks will be provided. BYOB. No sign-up required, just show up ready to compete!!

Happy Valentine's Day! **Valentines Dance will be held Saturday, February 14, 2025, 7 -10 p.m.** DJ Paul Alonzo will provide the music for us. No tickets required. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Doors open at 6 p.m. BYOB and snacks.



Continued from Page 1...Delivering Thanksgiving Day Turkeys to Our Daily Bread in Bradenton were, from left: Sandy Gilbertson, Martha Ackerman, Craig Koepke, Rick Koepke and Mel Kapral. Absent was Fr. Walter Heinz, who together with Rick Koepke, head the annual Holiday donation project.



Entertainment Schedule Continues...

For all you **Music Bingo fans, Juanita Collins returns on Thursday, February 26th from 7-9 p.m.** Come join the fun. Sing a little, dance a little. No tickets required. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. BYOB and snacks.

Get ready for the wearing of the green. Mark your calendars for the annual **St. Patty's Day Dance, on Tuesday March 17, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m.** Music provided by the Memphis Rub Band. Doors open at 6 p.m. No tickets required. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. BYOB and snacks

Something new is being planned by Betty Henry and Barb Clymer to support local non-profit organizations. **A talent show will be held on Tuesday, March 24th** at the clubhouse. Donations will be collected at the door and all proceeds will go to support the Dogs (formerly Southeastern Guide Dogs) and Feeding Empty Little Tummies. Call Betty at 540-229-2100 if you are interested in performing or to get further details.

Also, the annual **Spring Fling Street Dance will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2025, from 4-7 pm in front of the clubhouse.** Bruce and Valerie Steltzer are hosting this fun event again this year and are busy planning some fabulous food. The Dr. Dave Band is also returning to provide their great music. Tickets will be available in February.

**Get Ready to Enjoy a Variety of Great Events
During this 2026 "SEASON!"**



Meet Your New Neighbors

By CLVI Welcome Committee
Judy MacInness and Cathy Kasch



Jim and Fran Wood

Jim and Fran Wood moved into CLVI about 6 weeks ago. The Woods are not new to this area

They have lived in Manatee County for over 50 years. They now reside at 311 Royal Palm Drive.

The couple has 3 sons, 3 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Before she retired, Fran worked as a Paralegal for the Manatee County Attorney's Office.

Jim worked in the medical field. When

he retired, Jim had worked as a Chiropractor for 20 years.

Fran has authored several books. She shared one with me titled "What My Dog Taught Me About God". This book is about how her beloved dog, Bandit, helped her deal with some personal life experiences. I look forward to reading it soon.

Jim is an experienced pilot who also owned and operated his own hot air balloon here in Manatee County. He also was an entertainer in the area playing the keyboard and singing tunes from all genres.

Fran and Jim chose our park because they like the "community feel" we have here. Once they get settled and rested, we hope to see them join some of our events.

Welcome to Country Lakes Village I, Fran and Jim!

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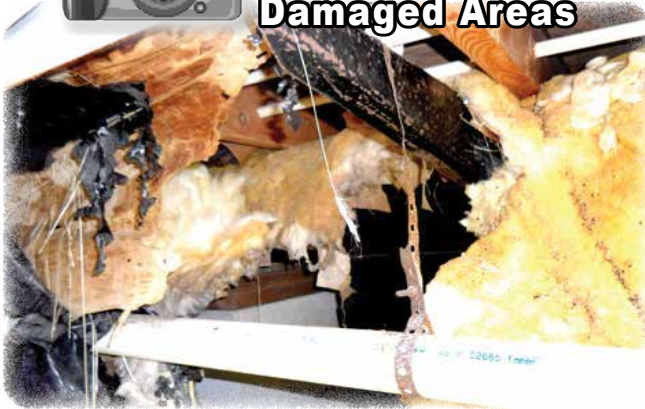
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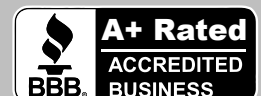
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
			 Happy 2026! <i>B: John Dix, Patricia George, Elizabeth Sagrales, Stephen Stryker, Sharon Kinsman</i>	1 	2 <i>B: Gary Baton</i> 5 - Social Hour 6 - Potluck	3 <i>B: Martinique Dolce; A: Chris & Margaret Garvey, 1981</i> MC - Brigitte Emond	Sunday 12-Bridge Monday 9- Exercises (M-F) 9:30-Pool Exercises (M-F) 9:30-Low Impact Workout (M-F) NEW 10:30 Chair Yoga (M-W-F) NEW 6:30-Euchre
4 <i>B: Brian Keane</i>	5 9-Residents Club Board Meeting	6 	7 <i>B: Penelope Blennis, Linda Caton</i> 7-Residents Club Meeting	8 <i>B: Shirley Dunbar</i>	9 <i>B: Lynda Nutall</i>	10 <i>B: Kim Hughes</i> MC - Judy MacInness	Tuesday 9:30-Shuffleboard 1-Dominoes
11 <i>B: Kathy Snyder</i>	12 	13 6-HOA Board Meeting	14 11:30 - Ladies' Luncheon 6:30-Coffee	15 3 p.m. Book Club <u>The Briar Club</u>	16 	17 7-10 Snowflake Dance, Westbound & Down MC - Bruce Steltzer	Wednesday 8:30-Pickleball by appt CLV 12-Bridge 1:30-Ping Pong
18 <i>B: Jani Kreitzer, Bob Ranallo, Evelyn Chico</i> Martin Luther King Jr Day	19 	20 6 - HOA General Meeting	21 <i>B: Brenda Hartsalla</i>	22 	23 	24 <i>B: Patrick Mahoney; A: Rick & Cheryl Koepke, 1970</i> MC - Sue Meyer	Thursday 10-Line Dance Beginners 1-Quilting - Knitting & Crochet Group
25 <i>B: Marty Cocke</i>	26 <i>B: Fred Ackerman, Vicki Conde, Jack Milhoan, Janet Harnage</i>	27 <i>B: Billy Guillen, Tami Smith</i>	28 <i>B: Cheryl Koepke</i>	29 <i>B: Phyllis Romanelli</i>	30 	31 6-9 Murder Mystery Dinner MC - Kendal Taylor	Friday Saturday 8:30-Coffee 9:30-Spite & Malice 1:30-Dominoes
FOR CALENDAR CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS, CONTACT Mary Kay Relich: mkrelich@gmail.com or 616-204-1064							

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
1 <i>B: Mike Sorek A: Larry & Marty Cocke 1969</i>	2 <i>B: Carol Moncrief, Gary DeSanto</i> <i>A: Gene & Tina Pufahl</i> 9- Residents' Club Board Meeting	3 <i>B: Gwendolyn Reynolds</i>	4 <i>B: William Pearce</i> 6:30 Coffee 7 p.m. Residents Club Meeting	5 <i>B: Kevin Carstensen</i> 7 p.m. Trivia Night	6 <i>A: Chuck & Pam Kessler</i> 5 - Social Hour 6 - Potluck	7 MC: Mary Kay Relich	Sunday 12-Bridge Monday 8:30-Pickleball (M-F) CLVII 9:00-Exercises (M-F) 9:30-Pool Exercises (M-F) 9:30-Low Impact Workout (M-F) NEW 10:30 Chair Yoga (M-W-F) NEW 6:30-Euchre Tuesday 9:30-Shuffleboard 1-Dominoes Wednesday Pickleball by appt CLVI, call Carol Nims/Gail Doherty 12-Bridge 1:30-Ping Pong-Bruce Steltzer Thursday 10-Line Dance Beginners 1-Quilting - Knitting & Crochet Group Friday Saturday 8:30-Coffee 9:30-Spite & Malice 1:30-Dominoes
8 <i>B: Dawna Murray, John Zouroudis</i>	9 <i>B: Sue Meyer</i> 6 - HOA Board Meeting	10	11 <i>B: Vanessa Birden</i> 11:30 Ladies Lunch	12	13 <i>B: Mary Frances Steele, Joseph Geier</i>	14 <i>B: Ioannis Temenos</i> 7-10 VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE DJ Paul Alonzo MC - TBA	
15 <i>B: Tina Pufahl</i>	16 <i>B: Linda White</i> PRESIDENTS' DAY	17 <i>B: Sheryl Walaszek, Miguel Chico</i> 6 - HOA General Meeting	18 <i>B: Cheryl Carlock, Patricia Fox, Dewaine Moncrief, Marie Rossi</i>	19 <i>B: Andrew Janoso</i> 3 - Book Club Library	20 <i>B: Tom Stillitano</i>	21 MC - Mary Kay Relich	
22 <i>B: Larry Smith</i>	23 <i>B: Mark Johnson</i>	24 <i>B: Wayne Busch, Michelle Strong</i>	25 <i>B: Cathy Hudson, Sharon Kapral, Mick McMahon</i>	26 <i>B: Judith Lockwood, Don Hardgrave, Jeff Weeks</i> 7-9 Music Bingo	27 MC - TBA	28	
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Sandy Vossberg will be hosting this fun night.

No sign-up required,
 just show up ready to compete!



Join Us & Dance the Night Away!

Friday, February 14, 7-10 p.m.

Doors open at 6 p.m.

DJ Paul Alonzo will provide music

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Thursday, February 26, 7-9 p.m.

Juanita Collins is returning to entertain
us with her beautiful voice. Come join
us as we Sing a Little, Dance a Little &
Enjoy the Evening.



BYOB & Snacks

No tickets required. Sign-up
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Pink Flamingo Project

In the Pink Flamingo Project, the birds can be placed for any number of reasons like birthdays, anniversaries, returning for the season, just to make someone's day, welcome new residents, etc.

To schedule a pink flamingo visit, call either Barb Clymer at 419-966-0097 or Betty Henry at 540-229-2100 (Oct.-May).

Suggested donations are: \$15 for 10 birds or \$10 for 5 birds which will be placed at the home of the person being surprised the evening before the occasion and they will remain there until the following day.

A donation jar is also on hand at Saturday morning coffee. **All** donations go to the following organizations:



Dogs Inc.



The Pink Flamingos showed up to help celebrate Martha and Fred Ackerman's 60th wedding anniversary November 20. — Thank you, George and Carol!

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COMMUNITY YARD SALE

**CLVI's Annual Yard Sale
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**New Year. New Month.
2026. FEBRUARY.**

**Saturday, February 28
8 a.m. til 12 Noon**

**Start Cleaning
Out Closets,
Drawers & Sheds
Get Ready!**

For information, contact any CLVI
Residents' Club Board Member:
Sue Meyer, Kendal Taylor, Mary
Kay Relich, Brigitte Emond,
Donna Corcoran, Jay Henry, Ruth
Kingston, Sue Eckert & Jim Dunn.
Contact info in Directory.

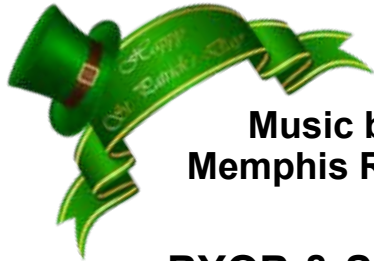


Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

St. Patty's Day Dance

7 p.m., Doors Open at 6 p.m.



**Music by the
Memphis Rub Band**

BYOB & Snacks

**No tickets required, Sign-up sheet
on the Bulletin Board**

Won't you join us?

SPRING Street Fling Dance

Saturday, March 28

4-7 p.m.

In Front of CLVI Clubhouse

Dr. Dave returns

**with Classic Rock, Bluegrass, Southern Rock
& Country Tunes**

**Tickets will be available
in February**

Watch Upcoming Newsletters

For More Information!



CLVI is Planning a Talent Show ... Sound like Fun?

Have a Talent You Would Like to Share? If so, CLVI and CLVII residents are invited to Participate in our Special Production Talent Show.

You've Got Time to Prepare ... Show is Scheduled for:

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Don't want to perform? Come and Enjoy the Show!

Entry is by Donation. All donations go to Dogs, Inc. (Formerly Southeastern Guide Dogs) and Feeding Empty Little Tummies (F.E.L.T.)

**For more information, contact Betty Henry, 540-229-2100
or Barb Clymer, 419-966-0097.**

Calendar Listings of Birthdays & Anniversaries

We have started calendar listings of birthdays directly from the office records.

If you do not wish to have your birthday listed, email Mary Kay Relich, mkrelich@gmail.com, to notify her of your wishes or email: residentsclub5700@gmail.com

If you wish to have your anniversary listed, please send it via same means listed above.

Puzzles can again be accepted at the CLVI

Library, says Librarian Sandy Porter. We appreciate your puzzle donations, said Sandy. People enjoy passing time and exercising their minds as they happily find each piece to reveal the completed picture. Remember: Everything is on an honor system basis. Stop In!

Internet is available with password posted.

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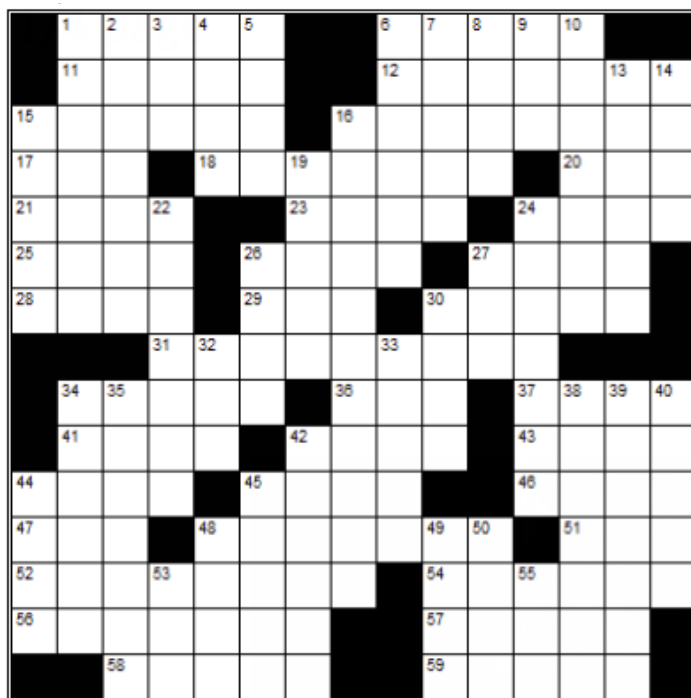
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1. Spring month
6. Failures
11. Pursue
12. Take up the cause
15. Barroom fights
16. Harvesting
17. Snake-like fish
18. Wide part of a river
20. Sprocket
21. Chutzpah
23. Picnic insects
24. Broadcasts
25. Chills and fever
26. Workshop gripper
27. Fair attraction
28. Bird home
29. Type of tree
30. Harps

DOWN

31. Amounts per unit size
34. Underway
36. One plus one
37. Make well
41. Scattered seed
42. Not fat
43. Inactive
44. Blackball
45. Tibia
46. Tube
47. Term of endearment
48. Deny
51. Distant
52. Making menu requests
54. A plan of action
56. Abounding
57. Genus of heath
58. Leases
59. Where clouds are

DOWN

1. Land
2. Male genitalia
3. Uncooked
4. Small island
5. Not more
6. Arrive past due
7. Utilizers
8. Neuter
9. 2000 pounds
10. Kill oneself intentionally
13. Breathes noisily while sleeping
14. They come from hens
15. Started
16. Gun repairing
19. Dogs wag these
22. Anticlimax
24. Blimp
26. Opening
27. Deli loaf
30. King of the jungle
32. Anagram of "One"
33. They can be fraternal or identical
34. On land
35. One who establishes
38. Building

DOWN

39. Mammals like camels
40. Apprehensive
42. Objects
44. Fired a projectile
45. Holy person
48. Smile
49. Gorillas
50. English royal house
53. An uncle
55. Fifty-two in Roman numerals





Pool Exercise

Each weekday morning at 9:30 a.m. when it's 60 degrees or more, Sandy Porter leads the ladies (and sometimes a gentleman or two) in pool exercises recorded by former leader Micky Jorgensen. Stretching and toning exercises always leave you feeling ready to face the new day.

There is a lot of light conversation (much of the time focusing on food and restaurants) and laughter when ladies (and gentlemen) get together, so the 45-minute routine goes fast. Pool exercise is always easier on the muscles than gym exercise.

If you aren't open to morning exercise, you can always join those who enjoy an afternoon in the sun. The pool is heated and there's a hot tub for you to relax and massage those tired muscles.

Dog & Cat Owners...



Did you know your Dog...

- > Is embarrassed when you leave my feces in another yard? I count on you to pick it up.
- > Is embarrassed when you pay no attention to me when I'm pooping.
- > Expects you to keep me at the curb for peeing.
- > Loves wearing a leash.
- > Loves running wild in the dog park.
- > Respects you more when you take care of me.



Did you know your Cat...

- > Prefers the inside comfort of your home?
- > Says if I must be walked, don't forget the leash.
- > Does not want to be a lost animal.

And a Human Reminder...

Are you a smoker? Be considerate and do not dispose of your cigarette butts on the street. For those pet owners, if you see cigarette butts on the street, be Nice and pick them up with your dogs' poo making up for people who are inconsiderate enough to toss them.



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Volunteers Needed

Coffee Hosts are needed for Saturday mornings. It's easy but if you haven't done it before, someone will show you the ropes. Two volunteers are needed each week. Sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse bulletin board. Contact Kelvin Sampson (during season) at 202-345-8642 or Barb Clymer, 419-966-0097 (summer) for information or to volunteer.

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Recycling Information

Did you know we have a recycling bin in our clubhouse? It's located in the corner in the kitchen and we would like to encourage our residents to use it for items that can be recycled.....not for trash.

Here's a quick reminder of some items to put in our Recycling bin after events in the clubhouse:

- >> Paper, including junk mail, envelopes and magazines
- >> Greeting cards and brown paper bags
- >> Box board, like cereal and cracker boxes
- >> Cardboard (if broken down)
- >> Empty Glass bottles and jars
- >> Empty Aluminum and steel cans
- >> Empty Plastic bottles/containers (with no food residual)
- >> Empty Milk and Juice cartons

Please Do Not put these common kitchen items in Recycling:

- >> Garbage
- >> Plastic Bags or tablecloths
- >> Styrofoam
- >> Sandwich bags, Saran Wrap, Shrink Wrap
- >> Any item with food or liquid still in or on them

We have a Blue Recycling Bin from Manatee County that is kept by the mailboxes outside. The Indoor Recycling bin is located just inside the kitchen entrance. The Park Maintenance Crew will move the bin out to be picked up when needed.

Thank you for your cooperation with this renewed effort. Let's see how much Recycling we can do in order to reduce the trash in our Landfills!



Changes for the 2027 Resident's Directory for CLVI

When you receive your 2026 Resident's Directory, which will probably be in February or early March, please review and fill in any information that is missing or in error for your Lot Number on this sheet. If any information is in the directory that you do not want there, print it in the correct area, draw a line through it and write REMOVE after it.

PLEASE PRINT

Lot Number _____ Street Name _____

Name 1 _____ State _____ DOB _____ Phone No. _____

Name 2 _____ State _____ DOB _____ Phone No. _____

Anniversary (if applicable) _____

Email address 1 _____ Email address 2 _____

Alternate Address (Should be your 2nd or summer address, if applicable)

Name (s) _____


Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Country _____ Print in Directory Y/N _____

Please return this sheet to Betty Henry (Lot 233) or Martha Ackerman (Lot 270) If you want information added/corrected in the 2027 directory. At this point it is too late for changes in the 2026 directory.


1

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2

Really? That's great, but I have an A/C guy...




3

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