The Gator Gazette

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



JULY, 2025

CLV Website: www.countrylakesvillage.com







Ladies, Come, Join Us!

Wednesday, July 9 11:30 a.m.

Check the Bulletin Board for the

Restaurant and Host

Sign-up sheet is in Clubhouse Hallway

Pot Luck

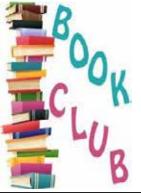
Friday, July 4 Social Hour, Noon; Lunch at 1 p.m. NOTE: Normal Time Change CLVI Clubhouse– BYOB



Mr. Miller plans to join us sometime during this event.

Residents' Club will provide fried chicken and hot dogs for main dishes.

Please see the <u>sign-up sheet</u> on the bulletin board to assist in communicating what type of food you want to bring to this Pot Luck (appetizer, side dish, salad) Questions? Call Christine Taylor, Call 231-838-3733



Thursday, July 17 3 p.m. CLVI Library

Watch Facebook & the Inside Bulletin Board for Book Title and Author

Questions? Call Sandy Gilbertson 941-504-0121



Helping Local School Children

CLVI Residents are asked to Donate School Supplies which will be given to a local School and Our Daily Bread.

Chairing the Project is Mike Lierman, 618-303-3501, Lot 509; with Martha Ackerman, 740-213-3344, Lot 270.

Suggested Items: Socks, Backpacks, Pencils, Pens, Crayons, Pencil Cases, Glue, Markers, Notebooks, Lunch Bags, Ruled Note Paper, Child's Scissors, Copy Paper. Monetary donations are also accepted and Mike and Martha will go shopping for you.

Tables will be set up in the Clubhouse until August 15, for your donations. Thank You!

Enjoy Your Summer, It's Going Fast!





Manager's Corner

Office: 941-722-0556

email: Admin.clv@newbymanagement.com Emergency: 844-285-2099

Summer is in full swing for the Dell kids. Delaney had the honor of being awarded a scholarship to Florida State University, cross country camp. She stayed in the dorms for a full week. Great experience for her. Kooper is going to summer football workouts at the high school and is in the summer session for wrestling. James & Joseph are busy (ha!) to say the least. Lots of popsicles, fort building, and nerf guns.

Daniel and Jen beefed up their fishing pole collection and found great places to fish. Daniel may be a little sour that Jen keeps out fishing him! But hey, don't girls do everything better? Daniel plans on shooting fireworks on the 4th with family and friends.

Speaking of the 4th, Bob Miller is planning on attending your party. He will split his time between CLVI and CLVII. Hope you have a great turnout and a fun time!

Few reminders: If you were skipped during this scheduled tree trimming, and you are in need, you will receive help next round.

RV storage fee of \$60 per month begins this month. If temporary parking is needed for you or your guests, please contact the office - there will be spaces available in the RV lot (no charge).

MCUD will be delivering new 96-gallon garbage bins, to begin use on October 6. Lawn service is every Wednesday.

ACH is the recommended way to pay your lot rent. Or put your check in the drobox outside of the office (available 24/7). We are seeing more late payments because of mail issues.

Poll for spraying pavers is almost complete. If Management assumes this responsibility, it would not begin until 2026.

Hurricane literature is in the office, please feel free to pick up. Debris of all kind is to be secured, prior to incoming storms, please walk around your home and inspect for loose material/items. No smoking unless in designated area, thank you! Stay cool!



Country Lake Village

July, 2025

Katie Dell



Country Lakes Village I Residents' Activity Club

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residentsclub5700@gmail.com

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

Summer has arrived in full force bringing with it plenty of opportunities for fun in the sun-but let's not forget about staying safe! Hurricane season is lurking. It's always better to be prepared. So let's tidy up those loose items and make sure everything is secure. Your neighbors (and their windows!) will thank you.

On the brighter side, our community calendar is buzzing with excitement! From festive gatherings at the clubhouse to impromptu meet-ups, there's always something to look forward to. Keep an eye out, you're never more than a step away from good food, great company and a hearty dose of laughter.

The July 4th celebration falls on a Friday this year. Since that is our normal Potluck night, we have decided to move the time to 1 p.m. with Social Hour

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beginning at noon. What better way to celebrate our country's birthday than to feature the many terrific cooks we have in Country Lakes?!? You are encouraged to bring your favorite appetizer, salad or side dish (no more desserts are necessary) to compliment the RAC's main course. We will keep the clubhouse nice and cool so we can celebrate with friends, neighbors and visit with Mr. Miller during this event. Contact Christine Taylor (231-838-3733) or Barb Clymer (419-966-0097) with any questions on food.

Sue Meyer, Chair

2025-2026

With so many residents away at various times this summer, we are in need of volunteers to emcee at Saturday coffee hour. PLEASE offer your services. Contact Sue Meyer at 941-518-1160.

To cool off in the Florida sun, we cordially invite all residents to the August 15 Pool Party. The event will begin at noon until 3 p.m. There will be music by DJ Paul Aonzo as well as refreshments. So dust off your water wings and dive into the great fun. (Please remember. NO glass in the pool area! Bring your sunscreen!) (See Page 9 for further info.)

The Labor Day celebration plans are in the works and promises to be an event to remember. Christine Taylor is hard at work planning the food but we really need someone to serve as host to handle ticket distribution. Please offer to volunteer in some capacity.

Country Lakes Village is all about celebrating together so let's savor every moment, share plenty of smiles and make memories that shine as bright as the Florida sun.



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Jennettie Lierman liermanj60@gmail.com 618-303-3501



Bring a little Sunshine to Someone's Day

Bill Stillitano Lot 716 passed away in June. Another battle from cancer. He lived in our community for many years. I did not know Bill very well, but I remember when COVID closed the country in 2020, Bill pretty much did not leave his home. Bill was an avid poker player, darts and played golf almost every day. Please say a prayer for Bill and his family. RIP Bill.







Well Wishes to Snowbirds not in Paradise:

Valerie Steltzer, 6959 Northview Dr, Lockport, NY 14094; Mary Wright, Lot 341.

Phyllis Stark had a heart attack with 98% blockage by her widow-maker. The doctors put in one stent. Phyllis feels like a new person again. When Phyllis, Nick and Jodi return to paradise she will be walking in the swimming pool with Mike Lierman.

Keep Phyllis in your prayers. Cards may be sent to 2003 Somerset Rd, Michigan City, MI 46360.

Well Wishes to Us in Paradise:

Betty Butler Lot 714; Rebecca Colby Lot 717; Marty Corcoran Lot 511; Faye Couch Lot 524; Wayne Doyle Lot 517; Gail Gens Lot 713; Billy Guillen Lot 307; Gary & Ellen Lewis Lot 507; George Milne Lot 272; Jim Stevenson Lot 548.

"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!!





please call 941-375-3699

MOVING FORWARD

The Advisory Board is comprised of residents from both CLVI and CLVII representing both communities. CLVI: Sandy Gilbertson and Bruce Steltzer; CLVII: George Schrode.

We Thank Judy MacInness and Sue Eckert for their time and efforts on the Advisory Board. They will be missed.

At present there are openings on the board. Please consider applying for these openings.

Simply submit in writing: 1. Name; 2. CLV address; 3. Email address; 4. Phone number; 5. Date you became a resident of Country Lakes; 6. Are you a full time/part time resident? Give it to any board member or place in the Advisory Board drop box located in the clubhouses.

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 along with receiving monetary concerns and requests that affect the improvements in the two communities.

Please use the "Resident Input Form" for your suggestions and concerns. 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.



Advisory Board Working For You Residents' Link to Management

No Input Forms were received since the last publication of the newsletter. We do appreciate all of those we have received and continue to monitor those that are outstanding.

Have a wonderful July!

Attention, Veterans

We are working continually to keep a current list of Veterans living in Country Lakes Village I. In doing so we ask that new residents and current residents who are not on our revised Veterans' roll to call Jay Henry, 540-424-1408 or Betty Henry 540-229-2100, or Martha Ackerman 740-213-3344 with your service information as soon as possible.

Each year Veterans are honored at our annual Veterans Day celebration.



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Country Lakes Village Homeowners Association, Inc. (HOA)

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

Submitted by: Lynn Turgeon - Director

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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.





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Please contact Bev Smith 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!!!



Grandparent and Family Scams

Here's how they work:

You get a call: "Grandma, **I need money** for bail." Or maybe an email from someone claiming to be your brother or a friend who says they're in trouble. They need money for a medical bill. Or some other kind of emergency. The caller says it's urgent — and tells you to **keep it a secret**.

But is the caller who you think it is? Scammers are good at pretending to be someone they're not. They can be convincing: **sometimes using information from social networking sites**, or hacking into your loved one's email account, all to make it seem more real. And they'll pressure you to send money before you have time to think.

Here's what to do:

- 1. Stop. Check it out. Look up your family member's phone number yourself and call another family member to check out the story.
- 2. Pass this information on to a friend. You may not have gotten one of these calls, but chances are, you know someone who will get one if they haven't already.

ReportFraud.ftc.gov

Report Imposter Scams Online to the Federal Trade Commission





The July 4th celebration will be a potluck. Social hour will start at 12 noon and the food will be served at 1 p.m. BYOB. Mr. Miller plans to join us sometime during this event. No tickets will be required. The RAC will provide fried chicken and hot dogs for main dishes. A signup sheet has been posted on the bulletin board to assist in communicating what type of food people want to bring (appetizer, side dish, or salad. Enough people have volunteered to bring desserts) Call Christine Taylor 231-838-3733 if you have any questions.

Stock up on sunscreen because we are having a **Pool Party on Saturday, August 16 from noon to 3 pm.** We will be enjoying the pool and tiki huts as we listen to tunes from DJ Paul Alonzo from Wired 4 Sound. Our lunch menu will include roast beef & turkey Hoagie sandwiches with a condiment bar and chilled salads with (of course) ice cream for dessert. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. indoors. Bring your own beverages. Thanks to Ed and Connie East (unit #401) for hosting this event. Tickets will be available beginning July 12 at Saturday Coffee or you can call 901-355-2290. In order to plan the food for this event, the deadline for tickets will be Tuesday, August 12 at 10 a.m.

We have been busy making plans for **Labor Day**, **Monday**, **September 1st**. Lunch will be a Taco Bar with all the fixings catered by Hickory Hollow. Social Hour will start at 12 noon with lunch served at 1 p.m. BYOB. Judy MacInness has volunteered to host and distribute tickets for this event.

Plan to get your dancing shoes on again, the **End of Summer Dance will be held on Saturday, September 20 from 7-10 p.m.** Music provided by Kevin Brooks. No tickets will be required for this event. However, to plan adequate seating, there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board later this summer.

Policy for Scheduling Park Events

To schedule a private resident event in the Clubhouse or any of the Surrounding Areas (i.e. Tiki Hut, Firepit, Pool), contact Sue Meyer. Inquiries and confirmation of the day and time of the event <u>MUST</u> be approved by checking with Sue Meyer, 941-518-1160 or by emailing:

residentsclub5700@gmail.com

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July Crossword

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- 1. Ghost
- 6. L L L L
- 10. Caustic
- 14. Log home
- 15. Genuine
- 16. Grow dim
- 17. Companionless
- 18. Freshwater mussel
- 19. Tall woody plant
- 20. Apiculture
- 22. Mild expletive
- 23. Not early
- 24. Not down
- 26. Burst of wind
- 30. Martini ingredient
- 31. Excluding
- 32. Black-and-white cookie
- 33. Parcels of land
- 35. Intimidate
- 39. Asphalt ingredient
- 41. Hairdos
- 43. Frighten
- 44. Arid
- 46. Durable wood
- 47. Short sleep
- 49. Mayday
- 50. Makes a mistake
- 51. A yellow fruit
- 54. Ball of yarn
- 56. Ancient Dead Sea kingdom
- 57. Richest
- 63. Location
- 64. Back of the neck
- 65. Neighbor of Pakistan
- 66. Anagram of "Rent"
- 67. Always
- 68. Begin
- 69. Tallow source
- 70. D D D
- 71. Weighty books

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- 3. Double-reed
- woodwind
- 4. Pig sound
- 5. Show obeisance
- 6. Volcano explosions
- 7. Not strict
- 8. Been in bed

- 11. Freight
- 12. Notions

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- 13. Accomplishments
- 21. American symbol
- 25. Cypher
- 26. Oodles
- 27. Acid related to gout
- 28. Bristle
- 29. A sporting
- competition
- 34. Baby carriages

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- 36. Utiliser
- 37. Close

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- 48. In hock
- 51. Beats
- 52. Farewell
- 53. French for "Our"
- 55. A 4-player card
- game
- 58. Roof overhang
- 59. Put words
- 60. Type of cheese
- 38. Sounds of disapproval 61. Your majesty
 - 62. Makes lace





- 9. Advertising
- catchphrase
- 10. Lingering sensation

Changes for the 2026 Resident's Directory for CLVI

After you receive your 2025 Resident's Directory, 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.

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Betty makes all changes or additions in the Directory.

Electronic Resident Directory Access

Betty Henry, who constantly updates our Residents Directory, has been working with PCI, the directory printer, to make available online CLVI information (names, addresses, contact info from the directory).

CLVI residents who have email addresses in the directory have been receiving an email from PCI enabling them to set up their password to access the information on their phones, computers, etc. Please do not ignore the PCI email if you wish to have the ability to access this information electronically.

If you have not received your 2025 Resident Directory, contact Martha Ackerman, 740-213-3344.



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

For those who don't have their own equipment, the Park's equipment is stored in the cabinet at the shuffleboard court. Your Clubhouse key fits the lock.

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.

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:







Cheryl Day was pleasantly surprised and all smiles on her birthday, May 29, when the pretty pink birds came to help her celebrate.



The Pink Flamingos flew in June 10 to wish **Cathy Kasch** a very Happy Birthday and help her celebrate her special day.







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Surprise! Happy Birthday! **Ed Queen**, shown left, enjoyed a birthday visit from the Pink Flamingos on May 31. Shown with Ed are his wife Connie and his son Larry.



Pink Flamingos lined the Ackerman front planter when they flew in to help Martha celebrate her birthday May 21.

See Page 15 for information on scheduling a visit from the pretty Pink Flamingos.







Country Lake Village

Resident In	out to Advisory B	Soard
Board Member _		
Name	Phone #	Date
Item of Concern		
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Action Taken by Board Member		Date
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Personal Issues should be addressed i	ndividually to the park N	lanager.
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