# **The Gator Gazette**

The Official Newsletter of Country Lakes Village Residents' Club aka The "Fun" Club

# DECEMBER, 2023

CLV Website: www.countrylakesvillage.com



# **CLV Veterans Day Honor Guard**

The CLV Veterans Day Committee hosted an impressive program starting with the Honor Guard shown above, from left: Program chair, Buddy Rogers, Rick Koepke and Jay Henry.

Special guest speaker and veteran was Al Jackson, Pastor of Family of God church. Highlighting the program were the presentation of military name plates and wooden soldiers depicting the recipient's service affiliation. *See more, Pages 16-19.* 

# **Upcoming Meetings**

7 p.m. Residents' Club Meeting Wednesday, December 6, 2023 CLVI Clubhouse

Coffee at 6:30 p.m.; Meeting at 7

(All CLVI Residents are Welcome & Encouraged to Attend)

6 p.m. HOA Meeting (HOA Members Only) Wednesday, December 20, 2023 RIMMWG du CLVI's

# Friday, Dec. 1 5 p.m. • CLVI Clubhouse Bring a Dish to Pass & BYOB

Two Trees will be decorated!

If you would like to add a personal ornament to a tree, please bring it Friday evening. Also a tree will be decorated with gift tags for children of the Adventures in Learning Daycare where foster children attend daycare. Please consider taking a tag and shop for a child.



Join Us for a Christmas Eve Delicious Italian Luncheon Sunday, December 24



Country Lakes I Clubhouse Doors Open at 12:30, Dine at 1:30 p.m.

BYOB. No Take-Out Orders

**Must Have a Ticket** Tickets Available from Host, Sandy Gilbertson, 941-504-0121, Lot 218 and at Saturday Coffee.

Guest Tickets on Sale December 17 Due to Ordering Food, Last Day for Ticket Sales is December 19



Annual

Pot Luck and

Tree Trimming

# Country Lakes

Manager's Corner

Office: 941-722-0556 email: Admin.clv@newbymanagement.com Emergency: 844-285-2099



**Congratulations** to the very 1st "Homes of the Month" - November 2023! Rest assured the judging was done by others that would be impartial not by the staff of Country Lakes.

The winners are: CLVI, #505, Bill and Cheryl Pearce, shown above; and CLVII, #2137, Rick and Donna Hinton. Congrats to both winners. Remember this will be an on-going contest so there is still plenty of time to be chosen to be a future "Home of the Month" winner. You will be seeing the signs in the yards of the winners. The sign will remain in the yards the entire month until the December winners are chosen. Those winners will be announced in January's newsletter.

**Mowing schedule** will be reduced to 2 times per month (every other week), December schedule is as follows: Thursday, Dec. 7 & Dec. 21 CLVII and Friday, Dec. 8 & Dec. 22, CLVI; January-March is still TBD but should be similar. Please keep in mind that if you have holiday yard décor, the mowers may skip you during that time to avoid damaging yard décor. Please keep large inflatables to a limit of 1 or 2 so as to not overdo. Lights are a great way to show your holiday spirit without overstating.

**Information for all LUX users,** any support issues, please call Lux Support at 877-589-3015,

**For all those returning** to the park from being away, check in with the office so we can update your current address. You can call, email or drop by to check in.

**All guests** must be registered with the office. Guests' stay must conform to the rules and be limited to no more than 15 consecutive days, no more than 30 per calendar year. If staying longer, December, 2023



Terry West LCAM

the guests must be age qualified and screened by submitting an application to the office as state in the Community Rules.

**Dog owners** need to pick up their pet's droppings as soon as it happens, even if in your own 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 at all times if outside the home.

**Reminder** to mail your payments or have them mailed out in time to meet the deadline of "received on or before the 5th of each month." After the 5th, the \$40 late fee is added and if not paid by the 10th, after the 10th, a \$10 per day fee is ALSO added. This fee must be paid and will be subject to enforcement if not paid. Pay on time to avoid these fees as the office is doing the job the owner expects us to do and as the rules dictate.

Country Lakes Villages is a 55 plus community and it is important all residents and guests are identified prior to occupancy. See above "All quests." Rentals must be for 90 days or more and approved by the office prior to occupancy. Anyone not following this policy needs to be reported to the office as the safety of all the residents is paramount. Unapproved, back door rentals jeopardize the safety and welfare of all residents and won't be tolerated. But again, we have to be notified. I have successfully had several underage, unapproved occupants removed from the community with information from concerned residents. Also, I squashed an Air B&B with the help of neighbors. The safety and status as a 55 plus community hinges on residents complying with the rules of the community. Non-compliance will result in legal action and accompanying fees. My objective is to maximize your safety and the value of your home and the community.

**Homeowners are responsible** to maintain all bushes, plants and sod. The park mows, edges and weed eats. If you want a nice yard, it takes water, time and effort on the homeowner's part. Criticism that the park is mowing dust falls on the homeowner. Invest some time in your yard and the park will be mowing grass not dust.

See Manager's Corner, Continued on Page 7



# Country Lakes Village Residents' Club aka The "Fun" Club

DECEMBER, 2023

<u>residentsclub5700@gmail.com</u>

Jennettie Lierman 2023-2024 President



Board Members: Barb Clymer, V.P.; Linda Caton, Sec.; Sue Meyer, Treas.; Donna Corcoran, Historian; Directors: Sandy Gilbertson, Martha Ackerman, Jay Henry, Dave Vossberg.

December sure did come by quickly this year. I will tell you in January (very early holiday deadline) and February the outcome of all the "FUN" activities we experienced in December. Like: Potluck and Trimming the Christmas Trees, Toy Donations, Donations to help feed the less fortunate, Winter Dance, Special Treat for Residents' at their Meeting, Turkey Bingo, Ladies Holiday Luncheon, Music Bingo, Evening at the Club, Christmas Eve Luncheon with Entertainment, New Year Eve's Extraganza and more!

At the next Residents Meeting, Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m. with Coffee and a special treat then the 7 p.m. meeting. In November's issue I mentioned we have two dart boards that have not been used since post-Covid. I was not available for our November Residents Meeting to discuss the dart boards. So at December's meeting the Residents Board and I would like to discuss the future of the dart boards with you. We all need to decide the fate of the dart boards. There is a lot of history there and maybe there is more history to be had with the dart boards.

In October I moved the dart boards from the Furnace Room into the Game Room. Now they are accessible to use. The boards can be rolled easily down the hall to the big room in the Clubhouse. So think about it because we will discuss and take a vote at the December meeting.



Donations may be made to either Fr. Walt, 740-541-5029, or Rick, 941-722-5179.

Thank You and Merry Christmas!

I understand the Oktoberfest was a blowout "FUN" time. Did someone play Polka music to dance to? Thank You Sandy G, Eileen V and ALL Volunteers for bringing back Oktoberfest for us.

I saw the pictures from the Halloween Dance, WOW we are a creative community. The costumes are better each year, and I don't know how that is possible. Robert & Wolfie did not disappoint the crowd. Even with the A/C not working, we know how to have a "FUN" time. See Halloween photos online.

Check out all the ads in this issue for December's "FUN" events and bringing in the new year 2024!

Get your nap in and get ready for January's "FUN" events because you will not be disappointed.

Be kind and respectful to yourself, family, friends and neighbors. Happy 2024 to Everyone!

### That's all for now. Have the best day you can!



# Tuesday, December 12, 2023 CLVI Clubhouse

## First Game will start Promptly at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

9 games will be played. Christmas shape winners receive gift cards. Cover-all winner receives a Turkey (1 turkey per household)

# You MUST have a Ticket to Participate

#### Tickets are available from Barb Clymer, 419-966-0097, or Martha Ackerman, 941-479-7289 & at Saturday Morning Coffee

#### Guest Tickets will be available a week prior to the Christmas Bingo

Bring your own dobbers if possible. Markers will be available to use and some Dobbers will be available for sale.







**1, 2, 3...** By Mike Lierman

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! In October Jennettie said we have a "FUN" packed calendar of events this month. We were in St. Louis for our great niece's wedding and the day was amazing. Love was in the air with Madison and Logan smiling all day.

First Home of the Month award goes to Bill & Cheryl Pearce, 505 Kapok Dr, check it out. Bill works in his yard very often and it shows. Congratulations! So back to counting: Flags: 2 Ohio, 1 Buffalo Bills and 1 Kansas City Chiefs. Martha Ackerman taking an early morning walk and witnessed a shooting star. She had good luck that day. 2 toilets sitting in yard waiting for trash pick-up. 1 BIG splatter of bird poop on the street in front of house with no trees or light pole for the bird to stop and take care of business. It was a fly-by. 15 houses for sale and 3 houses sale pending.

I hope 2024 is kind, meaningful, and healthy for you all.



Mobile/Manufactured Home Roofing System

- Insulated Energy Star Rated Roof
- Manufacturer's Backed Lifetime Warranty
- Financing Available
  STOP Roof Leaks

Single-ply roofing membrane toughened with Elvaloy resin modifiers from Du Pont.

Visit our website at comfortcover.org

FREE ESTIMATES

1-800-226-0955 FL LIC. #CCC 057091



# CLV Christmas Toy Collection

Toy donations are being accepted for children, of all ages but this year something new has been added. One of our clubhouse Christmas trees will have the tags for the children of nearby daycare Adventures in Learning, which is primarily foster children. The tag will designate boy or girl, age and possibly a hint of what the child would like. We are accepting these gifts unwrapped and a Wrapping Party will be scheduled to wrap these gifts before delivering them. We will also be accepting donations, monetary and toys, for the Salvation Army.

Mike Lierman, along with Martha Ackerman, are heading the project this year and shop for you if you prefer to donate cash. Donations may be given to Mike or Martha at Saturday Coffee Hour or at 509 Kapok Drive or 270 Country Lakes Blvd. Toy Donations will be accepted until December 3.

# **SUB-FLOOR & FLOORING EXPERTS!**

# **COVID-19 NOTICE:**

We are taking as many precautions as we can to ensure not only our workers safety but yours as well. We are checking employee temperatures daily, limiting contact between crews, and offering no customer contact if you choose. We are an "Essential Business" and here for you when you need us.





CGC# 004138

IH# 102549/1



<u>Well Wishes to Snowbirds</u>: Chris Hetrick, P O Box 421, Fox Lake, WI 53933.

Well Wishes in Sunny Florida: Linda & Jerry Caton, Lot 803; Cheryl Combs, Lot 544; Faye Couch, Lot 524; Wayne Doyle, Lot 517; Bob & Gussie Frame Lot 532; Laura Gafner, Lot 268; Trudy Littleton, Lot 1002; George Milne, Lot 272; Mary Ellen Patterson, Lot 702; Gwen Reynolds, Lot 526; Betty Seagraves & Don Renaldo, Lot 316; Mary Frances Steele IS CANCER FREE! Lot 413; Carol Wagstaff, Lot 201; Tony Yonak, Lot 801.

"No Postage Needed" is back in business in the clubhouse hallway. Check the appropriate slot as they are not in alphabetical order so look twice when leaving cards or to see if you have a card waiting for you that will hopefully bring a smile to your face.

Give me a C-A-R-E-G-I-V-E-R, what's that spell . . . CAREGIVER! <u>Thank you</u> for all that you do to take care of your loved one, friend or neighbor. If I did not mention your name this month and you are feeling blue, hopefully you will be in the pink again soon.

To You and Your Family: Have a Very Merry, Healthy and Safe Travel Holidays!

Here We Go A Caroling in CLVI.. Wednesday, December 13 6:30 p.m. Meet in Parking Lot With Golf Carts Ready to Leave If you know someone who is shut in, in frail health or in need of good cheer, contact Virginia Sherman (info in the 2023 Resident Directory) no later than December 6 so a route can be planned Hop on a Golf Cart & Join In the Fun!



# **December** Means Christmas

Fun and a Buffet!

Wednesday, December 13 *Terra Ceia Country Club* 

2802 Terra Ceia Bay Blvd., Palmetto

Luncheon buffet includes lasagna, chicken piccata, roast beef, with sides, non-alcoholic

beverage, tax and gratuity. Cost: \$30. Must be Prepaid.

There will be a gift exchange, maximum \$10



Hosts: Donna Corcoran, 315-730-0655, Lot 511; Sandy Gilbertson, 941-504-0121, Lot 218; and Sandy Porter, 941-448-1559, Lot 220

# SEWELL'S PLUMBING SERVICES, INC.



Repipes • Water Heaters • Disposals • Remodel Drain & Sewer Cleaning • Free Estimates

FAMILY OWNED • FAMILY OPERATED



## Manager's Corner, Continued from Page 2

**Yard statues**, figurines and ALL types of outside lawn or garden decorations must have the approval of community management before being set upon the lot. Quantity and size will be determined by the Community Manager. Most items will be permissible as long as they are in good taste. A recent incident involved a resident removing his decorations as they were deemed excessive by upper management. Many were outraged, while many agreed they were over the top. At any rate they were asked to be pared down. They opted to remove them all. Holiday decorations are welcome and there shouldn't be a problem in most cases. But before you purchase numerous, large decorations, you may want to get approval from management.

**RV's, Boats and Trailers** must have a current registration and be approved by the office. Failure to do so may result in towing. There are currently a few vehicles that aren't approved by the office or do not have current tags. After notification, I will have the vehicles towed if necessary. This free amenity is to be used for vehicles that are road worthy, not a storage place for useless junk.

	200 Prizes Available Monthly	Presented by
Ask the b	How it wo the advertisers in thi usiness for your Com y of your receipt &	s month's newsletter munity Cash ticket
Every mo		ama St. Venice, FI 34285 ets for CASH PRIZES
	very Month is a New C	
ONE draw Minner Alfredo Acevedo Tony George Joan Taylor Nancy Balsamo Marion Hagen Susan Craig Robert Barsotti Larry Ensalaco Judith Ferguson . Debbie Creighton	Ying for \$100   TE        \$100      M        \$10      A        \$10      Ba        \$10      Ba        \$10      Ca        \$10      Ta        \$10      Ba        \$10      Ba	N drawings for \$10 endor Drawing Date - 11/7/2023 tobile Home Depot ir Masters of Pinellas poss Electric ommunity Roofing on Wyngarden Mobile Home Wash he Plumbing Patrol attleline Termite & Pest Control oyal Enterprise ir Masters of Pinellas

# Shuffleboard Every Tuesday 9:30 practice; Game on 10 a.m. **Each Monday** 6:30 p.m. **Clubhouse Library Ping Pong CLVI Clubhouse** Wednesdays, 1 p.m. For more information, contact Jennettie Lierman, 618-303-3501 Pickleball Instruction is Available Mondays & Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. at CLVI Pickleball Courts For Further Info, Call Carol Nims, 413-475-4768 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. EART

# Country Lakes Village Homeowners Association, Inc. (HOA)

Board: Art Knight - President, Cathy Kasch - Vice President, Dona Turgeon - Secretary Denise Kennedy - Treasurer, John Day - Director, Lynn Turgeon - Director, Ray Bianco - Director

Submitted by: Lynn Turgeon - Director

# December 2023

We were very thankful to have had at our October HOA meeting a live presentation/input from our FMO Reps, Joan Bartlett, President District 5, Fred Sullivan, FMO Board Section B Districts 5, 7 & 8, Keith Ryder, President District 8 & Greg Frana, HOA President at The Grove MHP.

It was so encouraging to hear them corroborate our HOA is indeed operating legally under Florida Statute 723 and all that we are doing is according to Statute procedure. Also their acknowledgement of the, let's just say "unique" situation we have with the HOA standing in our community.

There was a great feeling of confidence in the group of members present in the room. We continue in a forward motion with more input from other State sanctioned organizations going through similar times. They reviewed actions of our extremely knowledgeable, dedicated, successful FMO lobbyist, Nancy Black Stewart who lives and works on our behalf in Tallahassee.

Did you know, legislators have tried several times to institute a tax on residents of MHP's! FMO has stopped it and works to make sure it's never on the table again. If you are interested, FMO membership is \$30/year, \$75/3 years, go to FMO.org.

FMO and our HOA need your support. Join both organizations today. You do have a voice!

Submitted by Dona Turgeon, Secretary

We still have 16 HOA members who haven't provided us with an email address. We need your email address so we can communicate with you. We email the agenda for our general HOA meetings, the meeting minutes and any other important communications so it is very important to make sure we have this vital information.

Also without an email address, I cannot invite you to join our HOA Facebook page where we post other important information, view any posts from other HOA members, view our member-suggested referral list, upcoming events, etc. Our HOA Facebook page is private and can only be viewed and joined by current HOA members. It is a safe zone to post what's on your mind, express your concerns or hear from other members.

If you are an HOA member and you are not receiving correspondence from the HOA Board or haven't been invited to join our HOA Facebook page, please email me at Iturgeonhoa@gmail.com with your email address and I will make sure you get on the proper list and send you a Facebook invite.

If you don't have an email address, you can get a free account through Google Gmail. Just search the internet for "Create a Gmail account" and you will get the "how to" on creating one.

December HOA General Meeting, Wednesday, December 20, starts at 6 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Submitted by Lynn Turgeon, Director

# CLV Community Yard Sales Saturday, January 20, 2024, 8 a.m.-Noon





#### **MOVING FORWARD**

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, Laura Reynolds and Bree Borders with Cheryl Koepke, Chairperson. <u>The Advisory Board handles certain responsibilities until such time that these responsibilities can be undertaken by the HOAs in each community.</u> <u>Mr. Miller will determine when that transition can</u> <u>take place. This has not happened as yet.</u>

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 and from any board member. (See Page 23) 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 revue and approval of social funds, the direction of improvements in the parks, along with other issues that may arise.









We're happy to see more of our snowbird friends back in the park as we move along with our plans for fun times and good food. The Entertainment and Food Committees hope you enjoy the events we have planned for December and January:

>> Saturday, December 2, 7-10 p.m. we welcome The Fulcos back to our park for our Winter Dance. Please join us as we kick off December with this entertaining, high energy band. BYOB and snacks. Tickets are available from Judy MacInness at Saturday coffee, 517-231-0388 or at 707 Hibiscus Lane.

>> Tuesday, December 5, 7-9 p.m. we will host Music Bingo. Miss Juanita, from Bamboozers, is returning to entertain us with her charm and beautiful voice. BYOB. Snacks will be provided. Tickets are available from Jennettie or Mike Lierman at Saturday coffee hour, at 618-303-3501 or at 509 Kapok Drive.

>> Tuesday, December 19, 7-9 p.m. Mark Mann returns for an "Evening at the Club." Join us for a relaxing night with friends as Mark entertains us with his smooth voice and guitar playing. BYOB and snacks. Tickets are available from Martha Ackerman or Betty Henry at Saturday coffee or you can contact Martha at 740-213-3344 or 270 Country Lakes Blvd. or Betty at 540-229-2100 at 233 Country Lakes Blvd.

>> Thursday, December 21 at 2 p.m. students from Palmview Elementary School will be coming to our clubhouse to sing Christmas Carols. Please join us as we welcome the students and enjoy some of their Christmas music. Refreshments will be served.

>> Sunday, December 24 we will be serving the Christmas Eve Luncheon. We hope you will join us for a delicious catered Italian lunch. After lunch Chuck Weirich, Trumpeteer, will entertain us with with his smooth jazz trumpet. BYOB as Social hour will begin at 12:30 with lunch to be served about 1:30 p.m. Tickets are available from Sandy Gilbertson at Saturday coffee, at 941-504-0121 or at 218 Country Lakes Boulevard. **NOTE** Because this is a catered event, tickets must be purchased by Sunday, December 17!!

>> Sunday, December 31 is our New Year's Eve Dance Party. The Memphis Rub Band, known for their blend of blues and rock, will perform for us from 8 p.m.-midnight. BYOB and join us as we ring in 2024 with music and friends. Snacks will be provided. Tickets available from Susie Yonak at Saturday coffee, at 740-391-2297 or at 801 Banyan Drive.

# >> Save the Date and Dig Out Your Bobby Socks and Skinny Ties:

>> On Saturday, January 13, the Murder Mystery Company will come to CLVI to solve a murder....with our help!! In a 1950's Sock Hop Gone Sour, we will spend a nostalgic night together eating a traditional 50's dinner and helping the Murder Mystery Company figure out whodoneit to get this dance back on track. More details to follow on time and menu. Tickets will be available at the end of December.

>> Tuesday, January 30, from 7-9 pm Rich Baum returns with Music Bingo. Come play Bingo while humming or singing some favorite tunes from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Some dancing might even break out now and then. Prizes will be awarded. BYOB and snacks. Tickets will be available in early January.



# **TRAVEL** with Larry and Bev Smith 607-742-9949 bevseneca@gmail.com

"SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE" Jan. 20-27, 2024. R.C. "Jewel of the Seas" - Islands are Barbados, Trinidad, Tobago, St. Lucia, St. Maarten and Puerto Rico. A few rooms left, but no balconies. Cruise Meeting in clubhouse Friday, Jan. 12, 3 p.m.

**PARIS and SEINE RIVER BOAT CRUISE**" April 23 to May 4, 2024. Fly to Paris. 5 days in Paris and 7 days on the Seine River. Normandy is the highlight of the cruise.

Future 2025 trip to Hawaii is being planned.

**Christmas Dec 14 day trip** to Bok Tower in Lake Wales. 250 beautiful acres of lush gardens with many walking trails [some easy]. The Singing Tower will play Christmas music from their Carillon bells throughout the gardens all day. El Retiro 20 room mansion to tour. Also a restaurant and gift shop on the grounds. Sign up sheets on Travel boards mid October.

#### UPCOMING DAY TRIPS:

**February 16, 2024** "ELVIS" at Ft. Myers Broadway Palms Dinner Theater. A story of his life and his musical career.

**March 20, 2024** Kennedy Space Center; **APRIL** a Boat Trip to Tarpon Springs (no date yet). Prices and times at a later date. Seats are limited so sign up early if you are interested.

See above contact info OR our Travel Agent Valerie Gill [941-232-8612] or e-mail, <u>valatwk@aol.com</u>







Nobile Hom

Generatio

Specialis

# **Soft Floors?**

- Sub-Floor Repair/Replace
- New Laminate Flooring Install





Are Your Floors Unsafe?

FL State Licensed Mobile Home Installer # IH-1110636 FL State General Contractor License #1531303



ESTIMATES & SMILES ALWAYS FREE



(941) 243-7561 or (800) 377-7885

# **DECEMBER 2023**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
					1 B: A: Bob & Linda Pankoff 1984 5-7 TREE DECORATING & POTLUCK	2 MC – Linda Caton 7-10 DANCE MUSIC BY THE FULCOS	Sunday 1 - Bridge Monday
m	4 B: Patricia Osterman 9 - Residents' Club Board Meeting Salvation Army Toy Pick Up	5 B: Angelica Castro <b>7-9 p.m. Music Bingo</b> w/Juanita	6 A: Bill & Mary Ann Layhew 2003 6:30 – COFFEE & SPECIAL TREAT 7 PM – RESIDENTS' CLUB MEETING	B: Betsy Corya	A: Michel & Carla Leny 1975	9 B: Bruce Steltzer, Betty Butler MC – Martha Ackerman	9-Exercises (M-F) 9:30-Pool Exercises (M-F) 11 - Zumba 6:30-Euchre Tuesday
10	11	12 B: Stephanie Sheridan, Valerie Steltzer 6 -TURKEY BINGO 5:15 - Doors Open	13 11:30-LADIES' LUNCHEON at Terra Ceia *6 – HOA Board	14 B: Jim Hanifen •BOK TOWERS DAY TRIP	15 B: Joan Jukes, Michael Meyer, Raphael Bianco	16 B: Judy MacInness MC – Sandy Gilbertson	9:30-Shuffleboard 1-Dominoes Wednesday 8:30-Pickleball 12-Bridge
17 B: Sandy Frabott	18	19 B: Gail DeSanto 7-9 Evening at the Club	20 B: Terri Maiore, Anne Briley *6 – HOA Meeting	21 B: Lorraine Stillitano, Virginia Weaver, Marsha Ebel, John Van- Seters 2 p.m. Palm View Students Christmas Carols, Clubhouse with refreshments	22 B: Jill Brown A: Bob & Gussie Frame 1958 •6:30 GOLF CART PARADE	23 B: Anita Hadcock MC – Jay Henry 6:30 Inclement Reschedule Golf Cart Parade	1:30 Ping Pong Thursday 10-Line Dance Beginners 1-Quilting – Knitting & Crochet Group Friday
24 B: Richard Hadcock, Lillian Conrod 12:30 – Doors Open 1:30 – Christmas Eve Lunch & Trumpeteer Trumpeteer 8-12 pm - NYE Extravaganza, Memphis Rub	25 B: Kimberly Merwin CHRISTMAS DAY	26 11:30 GOING TO THE MOVIES, Clubhouse	B: Leslie Weaks	28 B: Randoll Terry, Dona Turgeon; A: Jim & Sharon Hanifen	8: Sandy Kessell	30 B: Nellie Eddie, Sue Eckert, Geraldine Margerum A: Bill & Kargerum A: Bill & Kargerum A: Bill & Margerum A: Bill & Margerum A: Bill & Vossberg	11 - Jumba Saturday 8:30-Coffee 9:30-Spite & Malice 1:30-Dominoes
FOR CALENDAL	R CORRECTIONS OR	FOR CALENDAR CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS, CALL CH	IERYL KOEPKE AT 941-722-5179 or E-Mail <u>ckoepke47@msn.com</u>	-722-5179 or E-N	1ail <u>ckoepke47@m</u> :	sn.com	

4	
2	
2	
2	
$\geq$	
Ľ	
4	
Ζ	
A	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
	1	2	3	4	5	9	
	B: John Dix, Patricia		B: Martinique Dolce,	B: Bryan Keane			Sunday
	Kinsman, Eliizabeth	פונפטומם במנוממ	Maraaret Garvev 1981			MC – Jennettie	1 - Bridge
	Sagraves, Stephen					Lierman	•
	Stryker A: Dale &		6:30 – Coffee &				Monday
	Chris Hetrick 1994		Cookies 7 - Becident's Club				0. Evereises (M. E)
	9:00 Residents'		Meeting		5 – SOCIAL HOUR		
	Club Board				6 - POTLUCK		3:30-rooi exercises (ivi-r) 11 - Zumba
2	INCCURS 8	6	10	11	12	13	6:30-Euchre
B: Penelope	B: Shirley Dunbar	B: Linda Nuttall	B: Kim Huahes	B: Kathy Snyder		Ì	
Blennis, Linda						MC – Barb	Tuesday
Caton			11:30-LADIES'		3 p.m. Cruise	Clymer	9-30-Shufflehoard
			LUNCHEON – TBA		Meeting,		1-Dominoes
					Clubhouse	50s-60s Murder	
			*6 – HOA Board Meeting			Mystery & Food	Wednesday
			9			IBA	8-30-Dickloball
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12-Bridge
			B: Rita Secord	B: Joe Wilson	B: Jani Kreitzer, Bob	8 a.mNoon	1-20 Ding Dong
	Martin Luther King				Ranallo, Evelyn	Community	
	למת זר		*6 – HOA Meeting		CUICO	Driveway Sales	
			0			MC - Sue	-
						Meyer	Inursday
							1 Outbing – Valence Beginners
21	22	23		25	26	27	T-Quinting – Knitting &
B: Denise Bair,			A: Rick & Cheryl Koepke	B: Marty Cocke,	B: Fred Ackerman,		cionier ai onb
Erume Murphy			DIET	Joe & Rita Wilson	Milhoan, Janet	INIC - LINGS	
				2010	Harnage		Friday
							11 - Zumba
28 B: Chand Vacada	29 B: Bhullis Bommolli	30	31	For Caler	For Calendar Corrections or	tions or	
p. citci yi vochve				Additions	Additions, Call Cheryl Koepke	Koepke	Saturday
		V-9 MUSIC BINGO	COINC TO THE	3-77/-T+6)	(1441-722-21/9) OF email ner at	all ner at	
			MOVIES, 11:30 am,	ckoep	ckoepke47@msn.com	com	1:30-Dominoes
			Clubhouse				
				*Events marked	*Events marked with an $^{st}$ are not sponsored by	sponsored by	
				the	the Residents' Club.		



**Jay Henry,** shown above, worked many long, tedious hours creating the soldiers displayed behind him and the ones presented to nine veterans who attended CLV's 2023 Veterans Day celebration.



**Air Force Veteran Buddy Rogers** is shown with his antique car "Agent Orange." Buddy and his committee organized the impressive 2023 Veterans Day observance. Like many other Vietnam Veterans Buddy suffers from the affects of Agent Orange. Thank you to Buddy and his hard working committee.

Thank you also to Sandy Gilbertson and her food committee who served the delicious lunch which was catered by local restaurant Hickory Hollow. Leftovers were packed in 12 to-go cartons and taken to our local fire department. The rest were given to those present by a lottery system.





Army Veteran Dennis Patterson



Navy Veteran Ed East

Thank You For Your Service, Country Lakes Village Veterans!



Teary-eyed Joanne Frabott accepted the Navy soldier in behalf of her son Tom Frabott.



Army Veteran Ron Jefferson



**Coast Guard Veteran Ralph Margerum,** center, is shown above with Navy veterans Jay Henry and Tony Yonak.



**Army Veteran Pastor Al Jackson** is shown with Jay Henry, who crafted the many soldiers. Pastor Al was the featured speaker at the 2023 CLV Veterans Day observance.

Thank You for Your Service!





**Brigitte and Brenda Emonds,** shown above, were surprised when Jay presented them with the Canadian soldier in representation of the Canadians who reside in Country Lakes Village.



Air Force Veterans Cyndy and Randall Terry were surprised with their soldiers. Jay creates both female and male soldiers.





Several years ago the CLV Residents "Fun" Club decided to honor our Veterans with name plates with their branch of service. The current board voted to make this an ongoing tribute to our Veterans. Most military plates are proudly displayed on the light posts in front of the Veterans' homes.

# Who knows your community better than someone that lives there?



Sue Meyer Licensed Real Estate Agent Country Lakes 1



Sandy Maxham Sales Agent Country Lakes 2



Gail Stickner Licensed Real Estate Agent Country Lakes 2



Becky Jones Sales Associate Pescara Lakes



**MOBILE HOMES & REAL ESTATE** 

We sell more homes in these communities than any other agents Specializing in mobile home listings & sales We can sell both Co Op Share and Land Lease Properties





## **SAFETY TIP**

Have you're A/C checked regularly every 6 months. It can save lives and your home!

# **Attention, Veterans**

We are working to keep a current list of Veterans living in Country Lakes Villages I. In doing so we ask that new residents and current residents who are not on our revised Veterans' roll to call Jay (540-424-1408) or Betty Henry (540-229-2100), Martha Ackerman (941-479-7289 or 740-213-3344) with your service information as soon

as possible. Plans are being made for our

Plans are being made for our annual Veterans Day luncheon. See Page 11.



Thank You!



The CLV Library is newly renovated with new bookshelves, tables and chairs.

Librarian Sandy Porter has everything organized and ready for you to find the right book to relax on these beautiful sunshine days.

Puzzles are also available for your use.

Everything is on an honor system basis. Stop In!

Internet is available with password posted.



# **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 boxed
- >> 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 <u>Do Not</u> 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 now have a Blue Recycling Bin from Manatee County that is kept by the trash bins outside. Recycling from the Indoor Recycling bin will be deposited into the outdoor bin. 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!



*Going to the Movies* Last Tuesday of each month.

AMC Bradenton 20 - 2507 53rd Ave. E. in Bradenton

Family & Friends are invited. Meet at the Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m. to carpool.

Contact: Jennettie Lierman, 618-303-3501



**Moving is the best medicine.** Keeping active and losing weight are just two of the ways that you can fight osteoarthritis pain. In fact, for every pound you lose, that's four pounds less pressure on each knee. For information on managing pain, go to fightarthritispain.org.





SPEED LIMIT

SLOW DOWN & Watch For Residents on Walkers, Bicycles, Scooters, etc.

PLEASE Observe the 15 MPH speed limit within our little community. <u>BE CONSIDERATE</u>

<u>Safety Reminder</u>: Please remember to lock your car and your house at night and especially when you are not at home. This was advice from Deputy Mays of the Manatee Sheriff's Office a few years ago and is also very important today.

# Guidelines for CLVI Events (2023/2024 Season)

1. All indoor events at CLVI will have a designated maximum number of attendees, depending on the event. In order to properly plan for seating and food, all events will require a ticket for admittance.

2. <u>Residents</u> - The Host of the Event will keep a list of names of residents who receive tickets. There will be a \$10 deposit collected for each resident ticket. This \$10 deposit will be refunded at the event. If unable to attend the event, the resident must contact the host 4 or more hours prior to the starting time of the event for the \$10 deposit to be refunded.

3. <u>No-Show</u> - If a resident is a No-Show for the event, the deposit will be retained. All No-Show funds will be deposited into the appropriate Residents Club treasury fund.

4. <u>Guest and Residents of our sister park</u> - The Event Host will keep a waiting list of names of Guests and Residents of our "sister park" who are interested in attending the event. If there are tickets still available one week prior to the event, tickets will be made available to people on the waiting list. A \$10 non-refundable charge will be collected from all non-resident Guests.

5. <u>Walk Ins</u> - Residents who show up at the event without a ticket <u>may not</u> be seated upon arrival. They will be asked to wait until 5 minutes before the event begins to see if there are open seats due to No-Shows. If there are open seats, they can be seated. A \$10 deposit will not be collected from these attendees.

6. Guests and Residents of our "sister park" who walk into the event without a ticket and are able to be seated will be charged \$10.

All events will be open seating with no reserved or saved tables or chairs.



#### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Need**

#### **Program to Share Durable Medical Equipment**

If you have durable medical equipment you are not using and don't mind sharing with your friends and neighbors, please contact Terri Maiore, 724-799-0061 or Chris Hetrick, 920-382-9397. Terri and Chris will maintain a master lists of loaners and borrowers. There will also be a release of liability waiver to be signed by the borrower. All information will be confidential.



Friday 7-9 p.m. **CLVII Clubhouse** 

Questions? Call Roger, 631-487-1821

# **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.

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. Since August, Saturday's coffee is paid for with the new budget. You can still celebrate a birthday etc.

Guide Dogs

as before. A donation of your choice will go to the Southeastern Guide Dogs.









**Sandy Gilbertson** was surprised with a visit from the flock to help her celebrate her birthday.









**The pretty pink flamingos** visited Marie Rossi welcoming her back for the season.



**Jean Meier** was surprised with a visit from the pink birds to celebrate her birthday.

See Page 22 to schedule a visit by the Flamingos.



**Quality Workmanship Honest Pricing** 



# Vapor / Moisture Barrier Underhome Encapsulated Insulation Hurricane Tie-Down Anchors 10 Yrs Exp.

To our valued customers:

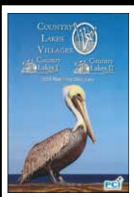
Our top priority is the health and safety of our employees and our customers. Our employees are closely following the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and recommendations, like frequent hand washing, social distancing, and staying home if they are feeling ill.

We have taken steps to limit exposure to the virus by making our customers aware that there is no need to have any contact with our employees if you choose to do so. Our business falls under the state's guidelines as "Essential Business".

We want to build a great relationship with you. Call today for your Free Inspection. (800) 377-7885

Stay Safe and Continued Good Health. Underhome Armor Family





We are constantly updating the 2023 **Residents' Directory** throughout the year.

**Do You Have Changes?** 

If so, please contact Martha Ackerman, 941-479-7289 marfre1946@yahoo.com or Betty Henry, 540-229-2100, dealbtty@aol.com

Changes may include additions or corrections to your phone numbers, please designate home or cell phone numbers and who the Primary user is for the cell phones; northern address, if you are a snowbird; the state you hail from; etc.

Betty will be updating information for the 2024 directory as we receive changes/additions so when you have changes, please submit them.

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



# 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.



BBB

Resident	Input to Advisory B	Board
Board Membe	er	
Name	Phone #	Date
Item of Concern		
Suggested Solution by Person Na		
Action Taken by Board Member _		Date
Items to be submitted to the Board a	are those which affect more	than one household.
Personal Issues should be addresse	ed individually to the park M	lanager.
Advisory Board Members: Sue Di Bruce Steltzer and Chairperson Che		Gilbertson, Sue Eckert, 11/1/2



# Let us sell YOUR mobile home!

# We do all the work for you!

- ✓ We work for YOU to get the highest and best price for your home.
- We require buyers to sign a written sales contract and to provide an earnest money deposit.
- We employ a Time-Proven marketing Strategy. We use local and international Internet/Social Media to market your home to the largest on-line buyer audience.
- We offer electronic transaction and payment services for a quicker close and to accommodate remote signing.
- We provide a FREE, data-based consultation to estimate the market value of your mobile home. Call us Today!

## Call Pamela Pumilia Broker/Dealer 941-233-8830 x700



Licensed, Bonded and Insured FloridaMHSales.com

Florida MH Sales, LLC dba Mobile Home Sales by Jennifer

# A Paradise Mobile Homes, Inc.

945 25th Drive East Ellenton, Fla. 34222



Carol Nims 413-475-4768



Jann Knighton 941-779-6098

