

The Gator Gazette

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



JULY, 2023

CLV Website: www.countrylakesvillage.com



Join Us for
Our Outside Picnic

July 4 ★ 1-3 p.m.

CLVI Clubhouse Grounds

We're Grillin' Hamburgers & Hot Dogs! Get ready to pile on the condiments. For the "dogs" there will be chili, kraut, onions, plus all "the works" for the burgers. AND you definitely won't want to miss the Special Surprise Dessert at 3 p.m.!! Yum! Yum!

Bring Chairs, BYOB, ice furnished

Grab your Ticket Quick! See
Sandy Gilbertson at
Saturday morning coffee, or
941-504-0121 or 218 CLBvd.

You don't want to Miss This!



**Wednesday, July 12
11:30 a.m.**

Salt & Pepper Café

608 14th St. W., Bradenton

Please carpool, 11 a.m. at the Clubhouse. RSVP to Jennette Lierman, 618-303-3501, Saturday Coffee or Lot 509. Serves Breakfast & Lunch.



JULY DINE-OUT

Sonny's BBQ

631 67th St. Circle E,
Bradenton

Tickets Now Available from Hosts Cheryl & Rick Koepke at Saturday Coffee, Lot 1011, or 941-722-5179

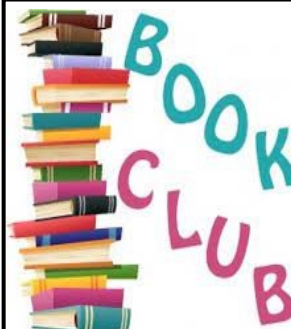
Dine-Out Chairs are Trudy & Steve Littleton,
941-815-9082 or 816-876-3420

Saturday Coffee Hour Begins at 8 a.m.

Free donuts are being served at the big Tiki Hut at 8 a.m. Saturday mornings until the Clubhouse reopens.

A short business meeting is held with the Sunshine Report, prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. There is also a 50/50 drawing.

See you there!



Thursday, July 20

3 p.m. CLVI Library

For more info:
Sandy Gilbertson,
941-504-0121

Waves of Mercy

by Lynn Austin



Manager's Corner

July, 2023



Office: 941-722-0556
email: Admin.clv@newbymanagement.com
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Terry West
LCAM

Renovations are ongoing with the CLVI clubhouse exterior currently being painted.

CLVII clubhouse will then be painted-schedule TBD and announced, followed by the office-schedule TBD and announced. CLVI's flooring has been replaced and the kitchen has new cabinets and granite countertops have been ordered. We will reopen the CLVI clubhouse as soon as possible.

Registered guests are welcome 15 consecutive days with a maximum of 30 days per calendar year.

All vehicles parked in the RV storage area must be registered and approved by the office. Overnight parking on the roads and clubhouse is prohibited. Guest passes will be available for the clubhouse if needed. Please don't park on the grass or in your yard at any time.

Continue to pick up after your pets even when no one is looking. Your neighbors will appreciate it.

The clubhouse and amenities are for residents and their registered guests.

Rainy season is rapidly approaching, which is followed by weeds. Please make arrangements to have your yard looking good at all times as well as your home being free of mold. This is a year-round responsibility, whether you are currently in residence or not. Your cooperation is crucial to maximizing the value of all homes in the community.

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RESIDENTS' ADVISORY BOARD TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR OPENINGS

The Residents' Advisory Board will be filling three openings in October. Newly appointed members will take office at the November meeting. An application form has been developed. You may get a form from any current board member, or you may respond to the following items on a separate sheet of paper.

All applications are due by October 1, 2023. Completed applications may be dropped off at the office or given to Cheryl Koepke.

Required answers include the following: (Please number your answers to match the items.)

(1) NAME

(2) FL ADDRESS

(3) EMAIL ADDRESS

(4) PHONE NO

(5) DATE YOU BECAME A RESIDENT OF COUNTRY LAKES

(6) ARE YOU A FULL-TIME RESIDENT? _____ YES _____ NO

(7) STATE WHY YOU WANT TO BE A BOARD MEMBER.

(8) ARE YOU ABLE TO LOOK FORWARD IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR PARKS WITH NO PERSONAL AGENDA? PLEASE EXPLAIN.

(9) WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO ABIDE BY A CONSENSUS VOTE REGARDING A TOPIC THAT YOU DISAGREE WITH. IF NOT, PLEASE EXPLAIN. (Consensus Definition: A decision reached from input by each member toward a decision that can be supported by every person in the group. Each member agrees to support and not speak out regarding the decision.

(10) IF YOU ARE A PART-TIME RESIDENT, WOULD YOU STAY ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY ISSUES WHILE YOU ARE NOT PHYSICALLY PRESENT? HOW WOULD YOU ACHIEVE THIS?

(11) ARE YOU ABLE TO DISCUSS ISSUES AND CONCERNS AND SEPARATE YOUR PERSONAL VIEWS WHEN REACHING A DECISION THAT MAY NOT BE LIKED OR SUPPORTED (BY FRIENDS, MINORITY GROUPS, SOCIAL MEDIA SITES)? PLEASE EXPLAIN.

(12) CAN YOU COMMIT TO KEEPING BOARD DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE BOARD (NO DISCUSSION OUTSIDE BOARD MEMBERSHIP)?

(13) DO YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT LONG ENOUGH TO BE OBJECTIVE TO ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE? EXPLAIN HOW YOU ARE AN ACTIVE AND INVOLVED RESIDENT.

(14) AS A SMALL GROUP DECISION-MAKING TEAM MEMBER, ARE YOU ABLE AND WILLING TO LISTEN TO ALL OPINIONS AND TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS WITH **PATIENCE** WHEN VARYING VIEWS AND CONCERNS ARE BEING EXPRESSED?

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



JULY, 2023

residentsclub5700@gmail.com

Jennettie Lierman
2023-2024 President

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

Our Clubhouse has a new floor, new ceiling tiles, new kitchen cabinets and so much more. But the Clubhouse is still closed for renovations and all activities. The office mentioned that if you are at the swimming pool and need restroom facilities to please enter and leave using the handicap door.

Sandy Gilbertson and her Volunteer Team are planning the 4th of July Outside Picnic and it will be held outside while the renovations are going on in the Clubhouse. Bring your chair and beverages. Everything else is provided to you by the Food Committee (aka Sandy G, Eileen Vazquez and All the Volunteered Food Crew that makes this happen for us).

No Potluck dinner on July 7 with the Clubhouse closed. Hopefully in August we can plan on Potluck to be as scheduled.

Saturday Coffee Hour has been meeting under the Tiki Hut with a good number of residents attending. I heard that the donuts are sticky from being outside. Because I only smell the donuts on Saturday. Please bring your Saturday morning drink and a lawn chair. Sticky Donuts will be provided as usual.

Reminder: When you want to schedule an event in the Clubhouse or anything else around there, please contact the Residents Club President, 618-303-3501, for all inquiries and confirmation of the event.

Keep enjoying your summer and be careful in the heat of the sun. Hydrate, Hydrate!

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

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CLVI Clubhouse

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 Lynn Turgeon - Director
 Carol Palmer - Director



"The Memorial Day Flag Folding Ceremony, which was sponsored by the HOA, was a beautiful tribute honoring and mourning U.S. service members who died while serving on active duty," said Lynn Turgeon, HOA director.

"Many thanks to go around ...

John Day – for initiating the idea and orchestrating procedure; John Day and Ray Bianco - our Veterans performing the folding ceremony; Dona Turgeon - for narrating the script; Brenda Rodman Hartsalla – for taking photos and video.

Thanks to the residents, of both parks, who made an effort and took time to come out and be a part of this memorable ceremony."



HOA BBQ Draws 30+

Due to Carol Palmer not being able to serve on the HOA board, Ray Bianco has accepted the invitation to replace her and the board voted him in 6-0.

We had a thirty-plus turnout for our HOA BBQ held on May 13. Ray Bianco and Linda Erwin were our event hosts and they did a wonderful job bringing it all together. A BIG thank you to both and to the set-up/clean-up volunteers.

Even though Carol Palmer couldn't attend the party, we did have Jell-O Shots! Carol supplied the "syringes", Michael Sorek supplied the alcohol and Brenda Hartsalla made them. Vickie Enright also made Chocolate flavored Jell-O Shots to share. Though it wasn't required, a couple of attendees brought canapes/side dishes. Thanks to all!

It was nice to spend some leisure time with our neighbors and friends and we thank everyone that came out to make this a successful event.

HOA members, if you are not receiving emails from the HOA board (minutes, agenda, etc.), email Lynn Turgeon at lturgeonhoa@gmail.com so I have your correct email address. Thanks!

Safety Reminder: 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.

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SUNSHINE REPORT

Jennettie Lierman
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Bring a little Sunshine to Someone's Day

Obituaries:

Susan Shively, Lot 538 passed away in her home in the beginning of June. I would wave to her when she drove by in her car, but I did not know her. She lived with two dogs. Her husband passed away a couple of years ago. Please say a prayer for Susan and her family.



Lea Meinhold, 94, passed away peacefully May 12, 2023 at Meadow Lane Assisted Living and Memory Care in Michigan. She was a resident for many years at 219 Country Lakes Blvd. and shared memories with friends of watching as she and her husband Don's house came down the street to be located on their lot in Country Lakes. She loved to play golf and enjoyed playing with neighbors Sharon Kapral, Linda Caton and Dee Jesse. Please keep Lea's family in your prayers.

Well Wishes to Snowbirds: Anita Hadcock, 14780 Hadcock Dr, Sterling, NY 13156; **Chris Hetrick**, 208 O'Connell St, Fox Lake, WI 53933-0421; **Rita Secord**, 40644 New Port Dr, Plymouth, MI 48170, **Tony Yonak**, 229 Oaklawn Ave, Woodsfield, OH 43793.

Well Wishes in Sunny Florida: Rebecca Colby, Lot 717; **Bob Fenstermaker**, family to Barb & Tom Clymer, Lot 232; **Greg & Cathy Kasch**, Lot 552; **Trudy Littleton**, Lot 1002; **Patty Milhoan**, Lot 520; **Don Renaldo & Betty Seagraves**, Lot 316; **Gwen Reynolds**, Lot 526; **Carol Wagstaff**, Lot 201.

Keep in your prayers **Carol Palmer**, Lot 716. She has been moved to an acute care facility. Kindred Hospital Bay Area-St. Petersburg, 3030 6th St S, Room 234, St. Petersburg, FL 33705.

While the clubhouse is closed "No Postage Needed" will not be available. You will need a stamp to mail your cards to residents in the park. Or there is also hand delivery.

A heart-warming "shout-out" to all our caregivers. We love and thank you for taking such good care of us. 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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Mike's Walking Count

1, 2, 3...

By Mike Lierman



Mike's Count July 2023

WOW! Did you see the "sink hole"?

I was waiting at Lot 515 for Lux to install internet at Vossberg's, while I was outside, I counted 440 vehicles on St. Rt. 41 above the railroad tracks. I have seen 5 dump trucks in the park, 5 Muscovy ducks looking for food in the ground, 1 Osprey flying after fish to his nest for the wife and kids to enjoy dinner. 11 Houses are for sale.



SAFETY TIP

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

CLV Resident Advisory Board

Bob Miller, owner of Country Lakes Villages, has an Advisory Board in place, comprised of residents from both parks: CLVI-Sandy Gilbertson, Sue Eckert and Bruce Steltzer; CLVII-Sue Dibble, Kevin Karcher and Bree Borders with Cheryl Koepke who chairs the board. The Advisory Board handles certain responsibilities until such time that these responsibilities can be undertaken by the HOAs in each community. Mr. Miller will determine when that transition can take place.

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. 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 normally done with HOA boards are now 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.

August is called "the dog days of summer" but ... NOT in Country Lakes I!

It's hot...we have a POOL so...GET READY for the...



Everything is Set

Saturday, August 19 1-3 p.m.

CLVI Pool and Patio. BYOB, Ice Provided

Thank You to our Food and Entertainment Committees

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JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
						1 B: Bill Luce, Brigitte Emond MC – Sandy Gilbertson	Sunday 1 - Bridge
B: James Wilson	3	4  4th of July Outside Picnic, 1-3 p.m. @ CLVI	5 A: Dewaine & Carol Moncrief 1964	6	7 6—Potluck-Dinner Cancelled	8 B: Stephen Crouse, Joan Laffin MC – Jay Henry	Monday 9-Exercises (M-F) 9:30-Pool Exercises (M-F) 10-Ping Pong 11 - Zumba 1-Canasta 6:30-Euchre
	10	11 B: Sandy Ditzler, Theo Theodosopoulos	12 11:30 Ladies Lunch	13 B: Jim O'Connor	14 B: Rebecca Colby, Arthur Cornett	15 B: Margaret Harness, MC – Dave Vossberg	Tuesday 9:30-Shuffleboard 1-Dominos 1:30 Ping Pong
	17 B: Mary Wright	18 B: Dave Bost, Jennettie Lierman , Virginia Sherman	19 B: Debbi Haffely, Donna Corcoran, Roger Relich 4:30 Dine Out at Sonny's BBQ	20	21 B: Byron MacIsaac	22 B: Samuel Vinion MC-Jennettie Lierman	Wednesday 8:30-Pickleball 12-Bridge
23 A: Chuck & Stephanie Sheridan 1995	24 B: Harold Perez, Trina Phillips A: Gary & Cathy Hudson 1967	25 B: Wilma Selaska GOING TO THE MOVIES, 11:30 am, Clubhouse	26	27 B: Susan Yanak	28 B: Norman Gore	29 B: Trudy Littleton MC – Barb Clymer	Thursday 10-Line Dance Beginners 1-Quilting – Knitting & Crochet Group 1:30 Ping Pong
30 B: George Sweeney	31						Friday 11 - Zumba
							Saturday 8:30-Coffee 9:30-Spite & Malice 1:30-Dominos

FOR CALENDAR CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS, CONTACT CHERYL KOEPEKE AT 941-281-0971 or e-mail at ckoepeke47@msn.com

Daily Events BOLDED are active in the summer months.

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
 B: Rory Burns, Tommy Key A: Glen & Kathy Snyder 1966, Joe & Judy Kelly 1966		1 B: William Stillitano, Ruth Kingston	2 B: Robert Briley	3 A: Jim & Pat Dunn 1963	4 B: Barb Clymer, Mary Kay Relich 6 – Potluck Dinner	5 B: Donna Airesman MC – Sue Meyer	Sunday 1 - Bridge Monday 9-Exercises (M-F) 9:30-Pool Exercises (M-F) 10-Ping Pong 11 - Zumba 1-Canasta 6:30-Euchre
6 B: Rory Burns, Tommy Key A: Glen & Kathy Snyder 1966, Joe & Judy Kelly 1966	7 B: Miky Jorgensen, Laura Gafner	8 B: Elsie Dichazi, Carol Nims, Luann Nye, Patricia Milhoan 11:30 – Ladies' Luncheon	9 B: Elsie Dichazi, Carol Nims, Luann Nye, Patricia Milhoan 11:30 – Ladies' Luncheon	10 B: Bob Meier	11 B: Chris Garvey	12 MC – Linda Caton	Tuesday 9:30-Shuffleboard 1-Dominoes 1:30 Ping Pong
13 B: Skeeter Hughes, Doris Rarabacher, Debra Dix	14 A: Brian & Pamela Link 1999	15 B: Betty Sagraves	16 B: Donna Briggs 4:30 – Dine Out	17 B: William Butler	18 A: Tom & Sue Meyer 1973 B: Rodney Burgess	19 B: Martin Corcoran MC – Martha Ackerman 1-3 p.m. Pool Party	Wednesday 8:30-Pickleball 12-Bridge
20 B: Skeeter Hughes, Doris Rarabacher, Debra Dix	21 B: Tom Clymer	22 B: Walter Blennis, Robert Lange	23 B: William Butler	24 B: William Butler	25 B: Rodney Burgess	26 B: Deborah Hapanowicz MC – Sandy Gilbertson	Thursday 10-Line Dance Beginners 1-Quilting – Knitting & Crochet Group 1:30 Ping Pong
27 B: Skeeter Hughes, Doris Rarabacher, Debra Dix	28 B: Tom Clymer	29 B: Jodi Hargrove, Walter Heinz, Loral Conrad, Lola Wagner 11:30 – GOING TO THE MOVIES	30 B: Laura Decato, Lynn Turgeon	31			Friday 11 - Zumba
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Let us Entertain You

Your Entertainment and Food Committees have been busy planning events for your enjoyment through the remainder of the summer.

Can you believe it's already July and it seems like the summer just started! The snowbirds will return before we know it.

>> You're invited to an Outside Picnic July 4! Time is 1-3 p.m. There will be grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. Oh, and get ready to pile on the condiments with chili, kraut, onions for the "dogs" plus all "the works" for the burgers. BYOB, bring a chair, ice provided.

Then stay and get ready for the Surprise Dessert which will be available at 3 p.m. or so.

Tickets are available at Coffee Hour from Sandy Gilbertson, 941-504-0121.

See Page 8 for info on the August Pool Party!



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The pretty Pink Flamingos welcomed Fred and Martha Ackerman back from a month visiting friends Jay and Betty Henry in Michigan and son Doug and family in South Carolina. They were on hand to wish Rick Koepke Happy Birthday on June 4; and Happy Anniversary to Dave and Judy Smith May 19. All donations go to the Southeastern Guide Dogs, an annual CLVI project. Call Barb Clymer for more information, 419-966-0097.

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