



HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA)

Theresa Stevens, HOA President



Clarification to the November HOA article in the Village Voice. In the November Village Voice, I made a statement that 'if there are any questions about the about the 2026 8.3% rent increase or market value, please contact Katie.' This increase was only for those leaseholders who were not former shareholders. The shareholder's rent is based on the contract they signed with the sale of the community, and the HOA has no input and cannot make any announcement about their rent increases. I am sorry for any confusion my statement about the 2026 8.3% rent increase in the November Village Voice article may have caused.

Here we are, the last month of the year, and the busiest month of the year. Most of our northerners are back, and many were at our HOA meeting. It is good to see such a nice turnout. Deb went over the final fix in our bylaws. It states that the Homeowners committee can be formed in one of two ways: by a vote of the majority of the affected homeowners in the community or by being appointed by the HOA board. The Bylaws will be signed and filed with Manatee County, then a copy will be emailed to everyone in the near future, and it will be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board. We discussed the front exit gate being locked open in the daytime, and with a show of hands, the majority showed to leave them closed as they currently are intended to help control outgoing traffic and ensure safety with vehicles having to slow down on exiting the community. The major work with Blue Stream, putting in the big fiber optic lines, is almost complete. There will be many more updates to come from the office, so stay tuned; they will be on Facebook and through email. Please share information with anyone you know who may not have email or Facebook. Linda Weber and Bob Moriarty both have HOA membership cards. For anyone interested in joining, it is \$10.00, and you can contact either of them. They will not be going door to door this year, although they will deliver your membership cards to your home if asked. If you want to become a member for 2026, join before it closes; the cut-off is March 31, 2026.

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CLVII HOA Board of Directors:

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There will be a few events next year for HOA Members only, and we will provide information on this later. Trina Knox spoke and has many great ideas for our library. She has started a book club and will be sponsoring groups to help with how to use your cell phone, computer, etc. She is not on Facebook, although her phone number is in the directory. Ron Lorenz distributed flyers, 'Public Safety Spotlight: Common scams against older adults.' This will be a great topic for our next meeting.

We had four vacancies on the HOA board and zero nominations. It was a little disheartening after all the criticism we have received this past year, not one resident felt the need to join us on the board and help make the changes they feel need to be made. We are all volunteers, and we all put in many hours to help make our community a comfortable, relaxing place to live. We are critiqued on Robert's Rules, which we do follow, although not as strictly as some HOAs. We try to keep our HOA meeting on point, but open so everyone has a voice, even non-members. We, the HOA board, are residents in this community and should not be stopped and questioned randomly in the street, clubhouse, etc. It is not fair to us. We have had board members actually stopped in the street and been yelled at. That is not acceptable. If you have a question or concern, the time to voice them is at the HOA meeting. Please be considerate.

The HOA is sponsoring a Christmas Dinner on Dec 25th. It will start at 2:00, and it is a potluck. We will do the turkey and ham. Everyone is welcome, and we will have a sign-up sheet. I will see you all at the December 3rd HOA meeting.

God Bless you and God Bless America! Merry Christmas, Everyone!

Sincerely,

Theresa Stevens, HOA President



SOCIAL/FUN COMMITTEE

Judy Faries, Chairperson

Where has this year gone? The months coming up are the busiest times of the year for the Social Committee. We have a lot going on for the rest of this year and the first few months of 2026. The events for November will be done by the time you are reading this. The Veterans Day Tribute was a huge success. Thanks to all the residents who worked on putting this event together. Right now, the count for the Country Western Dance is 92. For this time of year, that is a great turnout. I hope everyone enjoyed the Smokey Daniels Band, and I know the Friendsgiving Dinner will be a full house. Just a reminder to get your tickets early when they become available (3 weeks before the event), especially for events with catering. We have to give the count to the caterers at least a week before the event. **THEREFORE, PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY.**

December is upon us already. Don't forget the Golf Cart Parade and gift and cookie exchange on December 7. There are no tickets or sign-up sheets for this event. The Christmas Buffet is scheduled for December 14, and tickets are already being distributed for this event. The New Year's Eve Party is on December 31. Tickets will be available from Patti Orlic on December 10th. There is one item that will be different this year. We are not able to provide champagne for the midnight toast. Mr. Miller is not allowing the Social Committee or the HOA to provide any alcoholic beverages due to the liability that goes with it. You can bring your own bottle to your table if you like. All events have always been "bring your own beverage," so this really is not different.

The budget for the Social Committee for 2026 has been posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse and provided to management for approval. There are a lot of events planned for the entire year. So, look it over and see if you would like to suggest additional events and be thinking of things for 2027.

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We have to plan a lot of the events sometimes a year in advance to be able to schedule bands and caterers. We will be working on the 2027 calendar in the coming year. If you see an event you would like to host, please let us know. You don't have to be a member of the committee to volunteer to help with any event. We always welcome anyone who would also like to join the committee.

For January, we have a couple of events planned. On Saturday, January 17th, we are having a Roaring 20s Dance with Little Big Band providing entertainment. It should be a great time for all. Tickets will be available on December 27th for the dance.

A Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for January 24. Please think about competing in the Chili contest. There will be a sign-up sheet for anyone wanting to enter either as a contestant or a judge, or contact Judy Faries at 301-904-4585 or email judy.faries@gmail.com. We would like to have around 6 providers of chili. There will be a prize for the winner. I am planning to make a no-meat chili for those who do not eat meat. The Social Committee will be providing things like cheese, sour cream, Fritos, Corn Bread, etc., to go with the chili. Those who would like to make corn bread, please let us know. We already have a couple of people who have volunteered to make corn bread. There will be no tickets or sign-up sheets for this event.

I cannot emphasize enough getting the tickets as soon as possible once available. We also need your tickets requested and picked up as early as possible after the events are open. Once the capacity for the event is reached, the names will go on a wait list. There will be a cutoff date for picking up your tickets, or they will be provided to those on the wait list.

Another procedure the social committee is starting will be for people who are shut-ins and can't attend events when food is provided. A to-go dish will be provided to those residents before seconds are offered. We need help identifying those residents.

If you know of any of your neighbors who are in this position, please let anyone on the social committee or the HOA know so we can make sure they are taken care of as well.

Provided by Judy Faries

CLVII Social/Fun Committee Judy Faries – Chairperson/Financial Manager, Social Committee Members: Anna Syjud, Joanne Fandey, Barry Kastel, Jacquie Weigand, Lisa Heraghty

FROM MANAGEMENT

News from the Manager's Desk
Katie Dell, Community Manager



Happy Holidays, Everyone!

December has arrived, and with it comes one of the most festive times of the year here at Country Lakes Villages. From beautifully decorated homes to neighbors gathering for holiday events, the community truly comes alive with warmth and cheer. It's a wonderful time to slow down, enjoy the season, and reflect on all we've accomplished together this year.

As we celebrate this holiday season — including **Christmas, New Year's, and all the special moments in between** — let's take a moment to appreciate the friendships and kindness that make this community such a wonderful place to call home. Whether you're hosting family, attending events, or simply enjoying the Florida winter sunshine, we hope this month brings you peace, laughter, and joy.

Holiday Office Schedule

The office will be closed on **Wednesday, December 24th, and Thursday, December 25th**, for the Christmas holiday, and again on **Wednesday, December 31st, and Thursday, January 1st**, for the New Year. Please plan accordingly for any rent payments or other office needs before those dates.

BlueStream Fiber Internet Install

BlueStream Fiber is continuing its internet installation throughout the community. The office will provide updates as work progresses and notify residents of any changes. If you experience any issues or concerns, **please do not approach the installation crews directly** — contact the office instead, and we'll be happy to relay your information to the appropriate team.

Guest Parking

Overnight parking on the road is not permitted.

If you need temporary parking for guests, please reach out to the office — we're happy to help arrange a short-term solution.

Pet Courtesy

As always, please pick up after your pets and use the dog park or common areas rather than residents' lawns. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping our community clean and pleasant for all neighbors.

A Look Ahead

As we prepare to welcome the new year, we'd like to thank all of our residents for another great year in Country Lakes Villages. Your support, communication, and care for one another make this community truly special. We're looking forward to another year filled with improvements, activities, and shared memories.

Wishing you all a safe and memorable holiday season, and a very Happy New Year!

— Katie

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Deb Williams

Joseph Dell, Katie Dell's son, who was recently in a car accident, sent our residents a



card with a drawn handprint expressing his love and thanks for all the well-wishes and prayers that were sent his way during his recent hospital stay and time at home recovering. I have posted the card, envelope, and drawing at the clubhouse. It is such good news that Joseph is recovering from his injuries, back in school, and looking forward to his yearly visit from Santa Claus.

Community residents George Schrode and Valerie Kirchoff are holding a "Meet and Greet" on December 4th from 2 -4 at the clubhouse. It will be an open house format, and they hope you get the opportunity to stop by and talk with them about financial planning, taxes, and retirement-related questions. They are licensed financial advisors and want to offer their knowledge and help to our residents. There will be another open house scheduled for January, in the evening, to accommodate those residents who may still be working during the day. They are also planning another open house in February to answer any questions about the 2025 tax season. More information will follow as the time for the additional open houses draws closer.

Mary Miceli will soon begin selling Luminaries to light up on Christmas Eve. They are \$1.00 per bag. Please consider decorating along the street in front of your yards that night. It makes the community look so beautiful with the lighted luminaries lining the streets. More information will follow.

Also, take notice that the dice game Left-Right-Center has been added to the daily event column of the monthly calendar. It will be played every Wednesday at 6 PM, except the first Wednesday of each month when the HOA holds the 7 PM residents meeting. I encourage residents to join in this fun game. Each game requires 3 quarters to play, and we normally play 4 games ending at about 8 PM. We have a lot of fun and great fellowship, and would love to see more residents come and enjoy the evening with us.

Deb Williams, Editor

SUNSHINE CORNER

Peggy Seiler, Coordinator



Here we are with our last issue of the Village Voice for 2025. At the submission of this article, we still have 44 days left to Christmas, and even fewer days as you are reading this. People will be sending cards, giving gifts, spending time with family, and eating lots of delicious food. However, may we pause this month to remember the REASON FOR THE SEASON.

In late October, Judy Hafner took a bad fall. She had some surgery on her leg and was in the ICU for some time. The last report was that she was stable. Our hearts joined with her daughter, Sheryl, as she has needed our prayers through this journey with her Mom.

Our Ron Lorenz was down with pneumonia, but the pain he had made him wonder if he was having a heart attack. So glad you are up and about, Ron. We appreciate your doing our ice cream socials!!!

Not only do children take care of mothers, but mothers, like Lynne Rowland, also need to be there for their sons. Lynne's son, Blake, had a serious gall bladder issue, and Lynne is taking care of him. The son must walk, says the doctor! So, you see Lynne walking with her son. She was very blessed by our community, which let her know she and her son were also in our prayers.

Please keep Reese and Kim Rickards in your hearts. 2025 has had several challenging moments for both of these precious people.

We are all relieved to know that Katie Dells' son, Joseph, is recovering so well after the serious car accident he was in last month. They know, and we know that it is a miracle blessing for this family. God certainly had His hand on that young man's life.

The year has had its sorrows, and it has also had many victories. It has been a year when we have been able to CARE for one another here in our Village. My prayer is that we would take that

same desire into 2026 and, as much as possible, be there for one another.

My personal thanks to all who share with me about those who have gone into the hospital, had surgery, or have lost a loved one. Giving our cards with loving words enclosed from the CLVII Sunshine Family means so very much to folks.

Email: mosthighzim@gmail.com or call me. 941-217-9384.

Thank you and Blessings,
Peggy Seiler,
2110 Lakeside

MEET AND GREET

Open House

Thursday, December 4th 2-4 PM

CLVII Clubhouse

George Schrode & Valerie Kirchoff

Financial Advisors

Sit down and talk with George and Valerie, who are financial advisors, as well as residents of CLVII. Discuss retirement options, financial planning, taxes, etc. Light refreshments will be available.

HOA SPONSORED RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

December 25 2 PM

HOA will provide Turkey and Ham

Residents bring a dish to pass. Side sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse on December 4. Everyone is welcome to come and join neighbors and friends to share a Christmas meal. Don't want to eat? Come anyway, sit and enjoy Christmas Day with us.

No sign-up sheet or tickets. Just sign up to bring a side or just show up. The more the merrier.

Contact Theresa Stevens if you have any questions.

CLVII UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, December 7: Santa's Gift Exchange, 5:30 PM Golf Cart Parade, followed by ice cream and gift exchange.

Sunday, December 14: Christmas Buffet, M-N-M BBQ 2 PM.

Friday, December 25: HOA sponsored Christmas Dinner 2 PM BYOB

Wednesday, December 31: New Years Eve, Westbound & Down, Menu by CCC Catering, 8-Midnight, BYOB, 50/50.

Saturday, January 17: Roaring Twenties Dance, Little Big Band, 7-10 PM, BYOB, 50/50.

Saturday, January 24: Chili Cook-off: 1 PM, BYOB.

Saturday, February 14: Valentine's Day Dance, KJB Band, 7-10PM, BYOB, 50/50.

Saturday, February 22: Dueling Sinatra's, 2 PM, BYOB.

Tuesday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day, Rye Road Band, 5-6 Dinner, 6-9 Dance, BYOB, 50/50.

Sunday, April 5: Easter Brunch, 2 PM, BYOB.

Saturday, April 18: Senior Prom, The Fulcos, 7-10 PM, BYOB, 50/50.

Saturday, May 2: The Kentucky Derby, Dr. Dave, 7-10 PM, BYOB, 50/50.

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day celebration, 1 PM, BYOB.

Saturday, June 13: Taylor & Taylor, 7-10 PM, BYOB, 50/50.



Christmas Gift Exchange and Golf Cart Parade

December 7

Golf Cart Parade line up at 5:30 at the clubhouse

BYOB

\$20 gift limit

Golf Carts (bikes and scooters are welcome) will line up at the clubhouse at 5:30pm and return to the clubhouse and enjoy some ice cream and the gift exchange. White Elephant Gift exchange will begin at 6:00. Bring a tray of cookies to share. Santa will be making his yearly visit and will be calling out the gift numbers during the exchange. We encourage all residents to join your neighbors for an evening with Santa. This is an evening of fun you don't want to miss. There will be no sign up sheet, just show up with a gift, or not. If you bring a gift to exchange you will be given a ticket. If you do not bring a gift, no ticket will be provided, you can just sit and enjoy the fun with your friends and neighbors.



CHRISTMAS BUFFET

Sunday, December 14 at 2PM



Traditional Christmas Buffet by

M-N-M BBQ

BYOB



See Jacquie Weigand for tickets at 2202 Tranquility or

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BYOB

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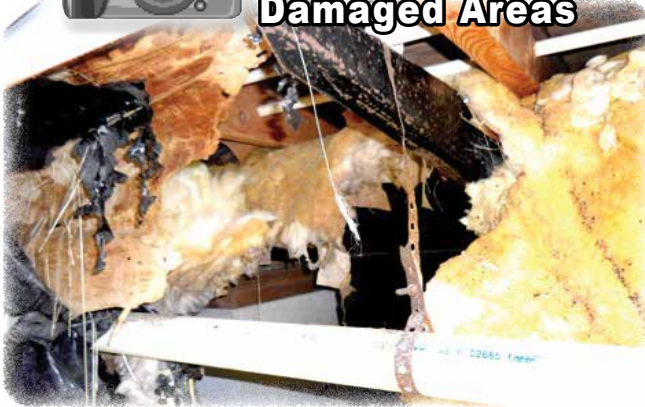
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Sign up on your travel board in the clubhouse for any trips.

All this info is on your TRAVEL BOARD. CLV Travel representatives LARRY and BEV SMITH, 607-742-9949, e-mail bevseneca@gmail.com. Our travel agent is Valerie Gill, 941-232-8612, e-mail valatwk@aol.com . We are looking forward to having a fun time with all of you!! Please watch your monthly newsletters and travel boards for updated info.!!

After 11 wonderful years, Larry and Bev Smith have decided to step down from CLVI & CLVII 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.

Bev

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DECEMBER 2025 CLVII Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
	1	2	3 HOA Resident Meeting 7 PM	4 Clubhouse Reserved 1-4 PM	5	6	Sunday 1:00 Mahjong Monday 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickleball 1:00 Cornhole Tuesday 8:30 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise 10:00 Ping Pong 1:00 Dominoes 4:00 Social Hour/Potluck 7:00 Darts 7:00 Mixed Bridge Wednesday 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickleball 9:00 Chicks With Kicks 10:00 Yoga 12:00 Pennies from Heaven/Library 6:00 Left-Right-Center Thursday 8:30 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise 1:00 Euchre 6:00 Feather Your Nest Friday 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickleball 9:00 Chicks With Kicks 1:00 6 Deck Canasta 7:00 Karaoke Saturday 8:15 Coffee Hour 8:30 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise
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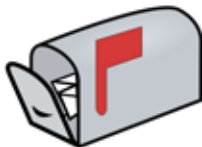
January 2026 CLVII Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
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4	5	6	7 HOA Resident Meeting 7PM	8	9	10	Tuesday 8:30 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise 10:00 Ping Pong 1:00 Dominoes 4:00 Social Hour/Potluck 7:00 Darts 7:00 Mixed Bridge
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Friday 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickleball 9:00 Chick With Kicks 1:00 6 Deck Canasta 7:00 Karaoke
FOR CALENDAR CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS, CALL DEB WILLIAMS AT 941-304-7756 or e-mail Dawilliams1031@yahoo.com For any community related emergencies after business hours please call 844-285-2099							Saturday 8:15 Coffee Hour 8:30 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise

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Attention CLVII residents. Did you know we have internal mailboxes in the Clubhouse? They are on the south side of the hallway between the kitchen and restrooms, near the side entrance. These boxes are for postage-free communication between residents and sometimes lost mail, all year long. They are also used after the annual Christmas card boxes are gone, and cards are moved to this location if they have not been picked up. Please check them often in case something is waiting for you!



Please add your picture to our Picture Board! This helps your neighbors put a face to a name.

COFFEE TIME
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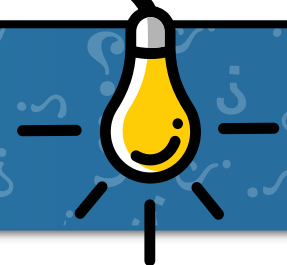
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RECENT ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK



The Halloween Party was so much fun this year. There were so many creative costumes that I struggled to pare them down for this Village Voice. Everyone who came went all out this year in all categories, and we are already looking forward to what next year might bring. Our three winners were: Jennifer Berglund, 1st place female; Bruce Becker, 1st place male; and Mary Etta Yoder and Donnie, 1st place couple. Congratulations to all of them, and they have set the bar high for next year.



Congratulations to the winner of the Home of the Month for December, Mary Etta Yoder. Her home is always beautiful and well-maintained. She changes it up quite a bit, and it is always interesting to see what those changes will be.



Congratulations to Jacquie Weigand for winning the Feather Your Nest big jackpot of \$500.00. It was great to finally see someone win the 'big money'.



Mary Miceli will be selling luminaries in the upcoming weeks. They will be \$1.00 a bag which includes a bag, candle, and a small bag of sand. This will be the first time in recent years that we have sold luminaries. It has been missed by many of our residents. Our community looks beautiful when the bags are put out and lit on Christmas Eve. It is one of my first memories of our community, and it was awesome. There will be updates on Facebook in the coming weeks to let you know when Mary will start selling the bags.





Jay Pinkley will be leaving the red bin for the F.E.L.T. donations in the clubhouse for an extended period of time. Please donate generously to this great cause.

These are the donations you can place in the bin for pick-up: tuna, chicken, spam packages, Vienna Sausages, individual Mac N' Cheese, ravioli/spaghetti cups, pudding cups, fruit cups, breakfast/granola Bars, snack crackers, Ramen Noodles/Cup of Noodles, juice boxes, and individual serving cereal.

Also, the FELT office located at 901 8th Avenue West is always looking for volunteers to help

pack the bags of food for distribution. If you like to volunteer, you can visit their office, call 941-896-7870, or talk to Jay. I am sure he can point you in the right direction.

Speaking of donations: CLVII Darters donated \$685 to the F.E.L.T. organization. Jay and Sylvia are volunteers, and 60 people packed 1,616 single weekend meals for distribution. Thank you, Darters, for your generous contribution to such a worthy cause



FUN FACTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Deb Williams, Coordinator

FUN FACT

DECEMBER

1. Christmas wasn't always on December 25. Although Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ, it doesn't actually mention December 25 anywhere in the Bible. In fact, some historians think Jesus was born in the spring, not in the winter at all! Christmas on December 25th wasn't celebrated until about 336 AD.
2. Evergreens are an ancient tradition. The iconic Christmas tree has a lot of roots (forgive the pun). Ancient Egyptians used to mark the winter solstice by decorating their homes with green palms, while the Romans celebrated Saturnalia with evergreen boughs. These green plants signified that the spring would return with new life. The first Christmas trees, as we know them today, started in Germany in the 16th century.
3. St. Nick was more generous than jolly. The original Santa Claus was actually St. Nicholas, a Christian bishop in the 4th century. He didn't wear the red suit that's so famous today, but he did give all of his inheritance to the poor and needy. In Dutch, his name is Sinter Klaas, which later morphed into Santa Claus.
4. Coca-Cola played a part in Santa's image. Santa wasn't always the jolly man in red. Older depictions of Santa from the early 1900s depicted him more sternly, and there wasn't a standardized "look" for his appearance. The classic image of a happy and plump Santa that we all know today came in part from Coca-Cola ads, drawn in 1931 by illustrator Haddon Sundblom.
5. Hanging stockings started by accident. The historic St. Nicholas heard about the plight of a local man who did not have enough dowry money to marry off his three daughters. The generous St. Nick tossed some money down the chimney that landed in the ladies' stockings that were drying by the fire. After that, the tradition stuck!

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AROUND THE CORNER

Lorelei Millet, Coordinator



I love Christmas time. I love the tinsel, the lights, the desserts, and the gathering of family and friends. This Christmas will be especially wonderful as we will be celebrating with our family up north for the first time since 2016. But without a doubt, I love the gifts. I have to share, though, that Christmas isn't Christmas without Christ. So, while giving gifts is so fun, the Greatest Gift you can receive, not only at Christmas but any time of year, is the Gift of receiving Jesus Christ into your heart. Oh, how we will rejoice if you would receive this precious Gift. Merry Christmas to our CLVII family.

European Holiday Market – Join the fun at A European Holiday Market. Immerse yourself in the enchanting ambiance of a traditional European holiday village right here at the Bradenton Area Convention Center, 1 Haben Blvd. December 4th – 7th. Attendees will experience artisans that you would find at a traditional European Holiday Market selling seasonal treasures and one-of-a-kind gifts. Food and beverage offerings will take guests on a culinary journey evoking the traditional fare often found at international markets. There will also be live entertainment that promises to get you in the Christmas spirit. Tickets are available for pre-sales for \$5 or at the door for \$10. To get tickets, go to the Manatee Performing Arts Center Box Office. The hours of the Market are 11 am – 5 pm each day of the program.

Palmetto's Christmas in the Park – A Coastal Christmas! On Friday, December 5th and Saturday, December 6th, from 3 am to 7 pm, shell-ebrate the holidays at Palmetto Historical Park and Manatee County Agricultural Museum, 1015 6th Street West. Come enjoy reindeer games, holiday crafts, and festive decorations themed around "A Coastal Christmas!" Tickets are required for this event, but

ALL tickets are Free. Quantities are limited, so get your tickets early.

Go to manateecountyagmuseum.com for tickets.

Winter Nights Under the Lights – Want to experience a Winter Wonderland right close to our homes? Look no further than Palma Sola Botanical Park for a delightful stroll through the magical lights at Winter Nights. Taking place December 18th – 21st from 6 pm – 9 pm. You can enjoy Acres of Lights, Santa and Mrs. Claus, Holiday Music, Gift Market, Hot Cider & Cocoa, Food Trucks, Decorated Trees, Crafts, and so much more. I was here a few years ago, and it was delightful. Admission is FREE and no ticket is required. Mark your calendar to experience Winter Nights Under the Lights!

Winter Wonderland – A Winter Wonderland will transform Bradenton's Old Main Street into a festive celebration! Saturday, December 6th, from 5 pm to 8 pm, get into the Holiday and experience the Magic of Christmas. Meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus and share your holiday wishes with them. Capture beautiful photos with holiday-themed vignettes. Watch in wonder as snow falls throughout the evening. Watch festive performances from local youth groups on the Main Stage. And, of course, there will be plenty of opportunities to shop for that special gift or gifts! There is plenty of free parking at the garage on 3rd Ave.

Around the Corner!

Safe travels,

Lorelei Millet



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Coordinator: Linda Weber 618-977-2705

Beginners Pickleball – Mon, Wed & Fri – 8:30

Coordinator: Jim Roberts 410-465-0159

Chicks with Kicks – Wed & Fri 9:00 a.m.

Coordinator: Susie Taunt 989-329-2097

Yoga – Wed 10 a.m.

Coordinator: Jennifer Berglund 716-471-4599

Pennies from Heaven - Wednesday 12:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Sue Garcia 906-280-2890

Left-Right-Center – Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

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Water Aerobics - Tues, Thu, Sat 9:30 a.m.

Coordinator: Joann Dodge 941-224-7106

Dominoes – Tuesday 1 p.m.

Coordinator: Jim Roberts 410-465-0159

Potluck & Social Hour - Tuesday 4 p.m.

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Darts - Tuesday 7 p.m.

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Feather Your Nest – Thursday 6 p.m.

Coordinator: Kevin Karcher 609-929-2211

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Coordinator: TBD

Karaoke - Friday 7 p.m.

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CELEBRATIONS

If you need to change or add your email, birthday, or anniversary, do not hesitate to contact Deb Williams at 941-304-7756 and leave a message. Make sure you leave your name and lot number when you do.

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Dec 4 Carla Moriarty
 Dec 5 Kim Rickards
 Dec 6 Kevin Colby
 Dec 7 Mary Etta Yoder
 Dec 7 Richard Bouchard
 Dec 8 Sherry Hayes
 Dec 10 Pat Wixson
 Dec 13 Michael Houser
 Dec 13 John Yoho
 Dec 16 Theresa Stevens
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 Dec 18 Roger Ewing
 Dec 19 Elmer Goodroad
 Dec 19 Joan Gilmour
 Dec 21 Gerald Martin
 Dec 22 Ann Frazier
 Dec 23 Sandy Thacker
 Dec 25 David Klukow
 Dec 25 Joanne Fandey
 Dec 26 Pat Nickel
 Dec 26 Bill Puterbaugh
 Dec 27 Mike Rowntree
 Dec 27 Mary Micelli
 Dec 27 Jeannie Collins
 Dec 29 Agnes Everett
 Dec 29 Donald Stannard
 Dec 29 Sharon Moulton



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 1 Dennis & Laura Reynolds 52 Years
 Dec 6 Don & Elaine Burchell 56 Years
 Dec 9 Scott & Lisa Eurick
 Dec 12 Larry & Linda Chitti 50 Years
 Dec 15 James & Judy Steiger 53 Years
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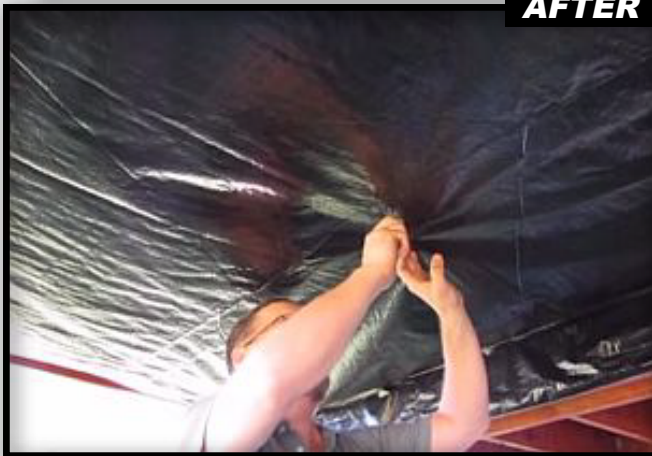
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