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RESIDENTS' ACTIVITY COMMITTEE (RAC)

Anna Syjud, RAC President

We had great feedback on our Thanksgiving Buffet. The food was delicious and plentiful. Many folks went back for seconds and take home, too. We did have a very low attendance, though. Next year we will be doing Friendsgiving the Sunday before Thanksgiving and hopefully, more residents can join our dinner. People liked that idea.

January 13th is our Murder Mystery Dinner "Crimes of Fashion" performed by the Pelican Players. Carr's Custom Catering is our caterer for this event.

On January 27th we are having a Broadway Cabaret performed by the Pelican Players.

Please make note of these events and future dates in our Village Voice, Posters, and Friends @CLVII Facebook page. All the information is there and shows when the tickets go on sale. Money is a deposit for the tickets and reimbursed at the door.

We still need residents to step up and possibly host an event. Thanks in advance.



CLVII RAC Board of Directors:

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA)

Bree Borders, HOA President

Welcome January 2024. I hope your Christmas Holidays were filled with Peace, Hope, and Joy!!

The HOA Board of Directors has chosen the new officers as follows:

President-Theresa Stevens Vice President- Bill Bazydlo Secretary-Deb Williams Treasurer-Jen Bergland

Directors Vickie Mensen, Linda Weber, Jackie Russell, Craig Taunt, and Bob Moriarty

Please attend the January 3rd meeting and welcome them aboard.

Sincerely, Bree Borders, Outgoing HOA President

CLVII HOA Board of Directors: Theresa Stevens – President, Bill Bazydlo – Vice President, Jennifer Berglund – Treasurer, Deb Williams – Secretary, Craig Taunt – Director, Bob Moriarity – Director, Linda Weber – Director, Vickie Mensen – Director.



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FROM THE MANAGEMENT NEWS FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

HAPPY NEW YEAR! LET'S ALL HELP TO MAKE 2024 A GREAT YEAR!

- CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOMES OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER 2023! Rest assured the judging will continue to be done by others who are impartial, not by staff of Country Lakes.
- The December Winners are: CLVI- #250 Alan Woy & Donna Airesman; & CLVII #2172 Don & Elaine Burchell. Congrats to both winners. Remember this will be an ongoing contest so there is still plenty of time to be chosen to be future Home of the Month winners. You will be seeing the signs in the yards of the winners. The sign will remain in the yard the entire month until January 2024 winners are chosen. Those winners will be announced in February's Newsletter.
- Reminder for all Lux users, for any support issues please call Lux Support at 877-589-3015
- For all of you who are now returning to the park from being away, check in with the office so we can update the address you are at. 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 at a time: no more than 30 per calendar year. If staying longer, the guests must be age-qualified and screened by submitting an application to the office. This is also stated in the Community Rules.
- Dog owners need to pick up their own pet's droppings as soon as it happens.
 This is true even if it is in your yard. This is in the rules and is good practice in helping

HOME OF THE MONTH



Don and Elaine Burchill's home was chosen for the December Home of the Month by Newby Management. Congratulations to Don and Elaine.



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- 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 always leashed if outside the home. Drainage ditches. waterways. easements. storage areas are not to be used as waste depositories. I have cited a resident for throwing his dog's feces into the storm sewer that leads to our lakes. If you know of a violator, please report it to the office with the identity of the offender. A single gram of pet waste contains an average of 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, some of which can cause disease in humans. It's also disgusting to have to pick up a violator's waste, as they have no respect for their neighbors.
- ***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 have a current tag. After notification, I will have the vehicles towed, if necessary. This free amenity is to be used for vehicles that are roadworthy, not a storage place for useless junk.
- Carports may <u>not</u> be used to create more living space by placing indoor furniture, TVs, excessive lighting, etc. on them. No inside upholstered or kitchen-type furniture is allowed. All items not approved to be stored outside the home, carport or porch must be stored in the home's shed or in the home itself. Yard statues, figurines, and ALL types of outside lawn or garden decorations must have the approval of management before being set upon the lot. The community manager will determine quantity and size. Most items will be permissible if they are in good taste.

- Cats must be kept inside the manufactured home except when taken outdoors on a leash for reasonable outdoor exercise periods. Cats may not be allowed to run loose outdoors. I have reports of cats on cars, defecating in flower beds and under some homes, creating a problem for residents who don't want their vehicles scratched and vards used as a cat waste depository. Please respect your neighbors and keep your cats restrained, under the rules. While I will take some flak for this request on cats, it's ironic that most if not all the flak will come from those who are violating the rule. I get more flak from those who are tired of the loose cats.
- I will be evaluating the CLVI RV Storage area in 2024. RVs, boats, and or trailers can only be parked in the RV storage area and must have a current DMV registration as well as approval from the office. This area is an amenity to store useful RVs, boats, and trailers that are functional and roadworthy. Items not meeting that standard will be given appropriate notice to remove them or be towed. My objective is to maximize the area for as many residents as possible and cut down on the clutter.



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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Deb Williams

There are a couple of corrections to the calendars in the Village Voice. The first correction is to the Cabaret event on January 27th. The time the doors open is 6:30 pm and not 5:00 pm as previously shown.

Barry Arnold with not have line dancing classes for the balance of this season. Due to his doctors' orders, he has had to cancel these classes.

I hope you are enjoying the additions of the notes from the Advisory Meetings and the Advisory Board and Terry West's question and answer articles. These were added to help you be more aware of ongoing management issues, questions, and developments in the community.

ADVISORY BOARD & TERRY WEST Q&A

Issues to be Discussed with Management November 15, 2023

Members Present: Cheryl Koepke, Bree 6. Borders, Sandy Gilbertson

Management Present: Terry West

- We have received complaints that the pool in CLVI is cold in the mornings. Has the temperature setting of 85 been changed? One of the residents checks it every morning with readings of 82-84. It is supposed to be kept at 85. Terry will personally check the temperature daily to ensure it is being kept at 85 degrees.
- 2. Does the propane delivery schedule need to be adjusted now that the fire pit is also using propane? CLVII was without propane for three days recently. This incident was an anomaly. It should not happen again.

- Are the pavers still on the punch list to be repaired? There is a lot of broken concrete on the sides of the driveways.
 The paving company will not be returning. Maintenance of the driveways is now the responsibility of the homeowner.
- 4. The board believes that sanding the pavers should be the responsibility of the owner. Couldn't this be done once a year by staff? Maintenance of the driveways is now the responsibility of the homeowners per the prospectus.
- Tranquility and 41. The fence needs to be replaced and the area needs to be cleaned up. The noise from 41 has increased over the last couple of years. Is there something that could be done to diminish the noise? Terry has requested permission from MHM to spend the money necessary to clean up this "jungle growth" to access the wooden fence for removal and the vinyl fence for repairs.
- 5. Something needs to be done with the tree roots under the pickleball court in CLVI. It is unsafe. Minimally, place a warning sign in that area. He has previously taken pictures of this area and submitted them to Tracy. Terry will e-mail her again today and include the pictures. This area needs to be redone. Minimally he will put up a warning sign.
- 7. What is the status of the speed sign that Mr. Miller said he would get for our use? **Terry will get an update for us.**

Additionally:

Terry asked for 10 more lounge chairs for the pool area in CLVI. He was reminded that additional chairs were also requested for the deck area in CLVII last year. Tracy said that they would be forthcoming in the future. From our list of issues on October 18th:

The request for new blinds in the library will be put on the list for long-term replacement.

Mr. Miller was shown the hot tub in both communities. Terry is waiting for quotes. He has permission to have these refinished.

Regarding the long-term pool leak that flows onto the road in CLVII: Terry has been unable to find a contractor who is willing to tackle this. There is no cost in terms of water use. Terry has monitored that. He admits that it is an ugly mess. And he would like to get it corrected. He has now contacted the manufacturer of the equipment to find out who they would recommend for making repairs. He is waiting for an answer.

The smoking areas in both parks remain an issue for management. Terry has removed signs, umbrellas, and tables that were placed in the smoking area without permission. It is the responsibility of those using these areas to keep the areas looking neat and clean.

The blind in the exercise room in CLVII was replaced.

The veteran's area in the main room of the clubhouse in CLVI has been redone with the help of the residents and with management and staff.

Terry landscaped the entrance to the mailbox area at CLVII.

The issue of gates at the front entrances is moving forward. The gates will remain open during the day after they are installed.

Terry recently sent out 50 notices for issues on lots that needed to be corrected. He noted that he received responses from 46 of the 50 residents involved.

Warming ovens have been ordered for both clubhouses. These are needed to accommodate catered meals.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Peggy Seiler, Coordinator

Because the printers require early submission due to the upcoming holiday, this may appear as late information, but be assured that all cards



have been sent to all from their CLVII Sunshine Family.

We're glad to know that Bill Pfister has recovered, and has a good, strong heartbeat! Recently, folks have needed heart checkups. It seems a necessary health concern as we age! We are thankful that Don Burchell and others, that we may not know of, have had heart treatments, and seem to be doing well. We thank the Lord!

Connie Pollock received our card, and we trust she will be up and around soon after her back surgery. Please continue to remember Gail Dean as she has not yet been released from the hospital. We hope to learn she will be back in our community for Christmas.

As we hear of others, even those still up north, we do our best to get a card to them or their loved ones. This is only possible as we do this TOGETHER as a community. Thank you for keeping in touch with me. May we always let folks know that we CARE.



My phone number is 941-217-9384 and my residence is at Lot # 2110 Lakeside.

Thank you and Blessings, Peggy



TRAVEL

Bev Smith, Coordinator

20-27, 2024, SOUTHERN January CARIBBEAN CRUISE. (Cruise Meeting January 12 at 3PM.)

April 23-May 4, 2024, Paris-Seine River-Normandy Trip.

"DAYS TRIPS" February 16. 2024. Broadway Palms Dinner Theatre, The Story and Life of Elvis, sorry SOLD OUT. March 20, 2024, Kennedy Space Center. Only a few seats left. April ?? Clearwater Intercoastal Boat Ride for an afternoon at Tarpon Springs. 2025 HAWAII TRIP.

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.!!







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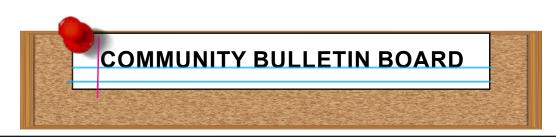
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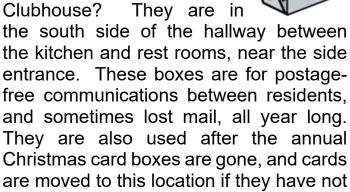
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PLEASE WATCH THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARDS AND THE "FRIENDS @ CLVII" FACEBOOK PAGE FOR SCHEDULE AND EVENT DETAILS, CHANGES AND UPDATES.

Attention CLVII residents. Did you know we have internal mailboxes in the Clubhouse? They are in



been picked up. Please check them often

in case something is waiting for you!

You have probably noticed the tree trimmers making their rounds through CLVII recently. They are a welcome sight to see. They have been trimming numerous palm trees throughout the community helping to ensure dead or loose fronds don't break off from the storms and high winds during this hurricane season.

COFFEE TIME Join us for Saturday morning coffee, donuts and chat! 8:15 a.m. at the clubhouse.



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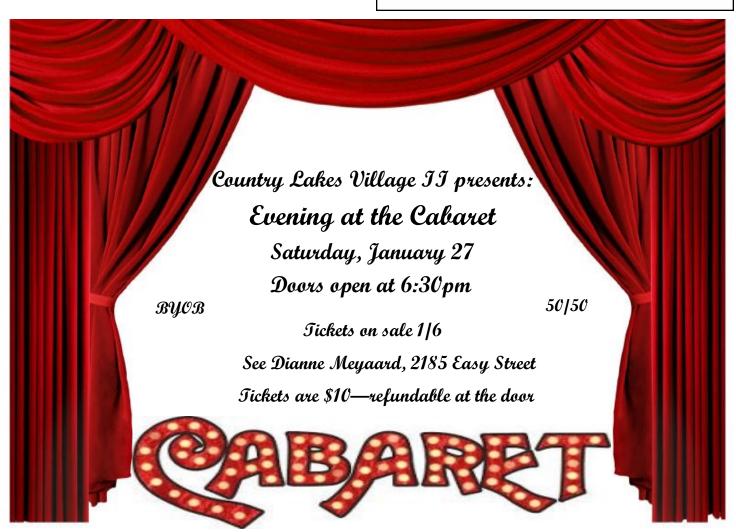


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RECENT ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK









CLVII had a golf cart parade and a potluck lunch to pay tribute to our veterans. The parade stopped at the CLVII front entrance flagpole and had a brief flag ceremony with the lowering and raising of the flag. It was then on to the clubhouse with a remembrance ceremony for those veterans of our community who we have lost over the last year and for those who are still with us. Dave Delong gave the Pledge of Allegiance and spoke about our CLVII veterans. RAC provided hot dogs, buns, and condiments for our lunch and the residents brought a dish to share.





The Thanksgiving Day Dinner was a success with the residents who attended. Carr's Custom Catering provided a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with turkey and all the traditional trimmings. RAC received many positive comments regarding the meal, and some were able to take leftovers home. A great time was had by all residents attending our Thanksgiving Day celebration.



	DAILY EVENTS	Monday 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Cardio-Strength 1:00 Mah-Jongg Tuesday	9:30 Prickleball 9:30 Water Exercise 10:00 Ping Pong 4:00 Social Hour/Potluck 7:00 Mixed Bridge 7:00 Darts Wednesday	e.30 Provide Dail 8:30 Cardio-Strength 12:00 "Pennies from Heaven" /Library 2:00 Comhole Thursday 8:30 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise	6:30 Euchre Friday 8:30 Pickleball 1:00 6 Deck Canasta 7:00 Karaoke Saturday 8:15 Coffee	9:00 Pickleball 9:30 Water Exercise EVERY THIRD MONDAY	(Check facebook to confirm)
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TOYS FOR TOTS

Country Lakes Village II raised \$1,189 for "Cash for Toys". There were 54 families in our community who donated to this amazing cause. RAC decided to donate the proceeds to "Toys for Tots" which is an admirable organization that is dedicated to helping children with Christmas wishes. Members of the "Toys for Tots" organization came to CLVII to accept the check on December 5th. Last year the darts group raised funds through the Tuesday

night dart group. After requests to include all residents of CLVII it was decided that in 2023 the donations would be open to all. The dart group coordinated raising the funds throughout the month of November. The success of this project demonstrates that generosity is abundant in our community. If you did not have to opportunity to participate in the 2023 fundraising campaign Darts will also be coordinating this again in 2024.



TRIVIA QUESTIONS:

- 1. Our nose can remember how many types of different scents?
 - a) 5,000
 - b) 50,000
 - c) 500,000
 - d) 1,000
- 2. Women's hearts beat _____ than men's.
 - a) Double
 - b) Equal
 - c) Slower
 - d) Faster

- 3. Relative to size, the strongest muscle in the body is the
 - a) Tongue
 - b) Jaw
 - c) Arm
 - d) Thigh



- 4. How many muscles does it take to smile?
 - a) 29
 - b) 55
 - c) 17
 - d) 2

Answers on page 19



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It was great seeing all the new faces at the Tuesday at 4:00 PM potluck. There were three full tables of residents, and the food was plentiful and delicious. Best of all was the camaraderie and good time with friends and neighbors. Please join the fun every Tuesday and bring a dish to pass, a good appetite, and your beverages.



THINGS TO DO IN THE PARK

Pickleball – Mon-Wed-Fri 8:30 a.m. Coordinator: Linda Weber 618-977-2708

Cardio/Strength - Mon & Wed 9:00 am Coordinator: Susie Taunt 989-329-2097

Pennies from Heaven - Wednesday

12:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Sue Garcia 906-280-2890

Mah-Jongg - Monday - 1 p.m.

Coordinator: Barb Gibson 941-304-6588

Water Aerobics - Tues, Thu, Sat 9:30 a.m. Coordinator: Joann Dodge 941-224-7106 Potluck & Social Hour - Tuesday 4 p.m. BYOB and munchies plus a dish to share.

Darts - Tuesday 7 p.m.

Coordinator: Water Hull 614-578-6562

Cornhole - Monday at 1 p.m.

Coordinator: Kevin Karcher 609-929-2211

Canasta - Friday 1 p.m.

Coordinator: TBD

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2. d) Faster

3. a) Tonque

4. c) 17



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AROUND THE CORNER

Lore Millet

Happy New Year! Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. I thought I would take a new twist in "Around the Corner". Hope you get the pun, around the corner, twist – as in twisting

road. So, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays and spending time with family and friends, it is time to spend some quality time with your furry friends. I thought we would look at some of the wonderful dog parks we have in our area. After all, your furry family member needs to chase after that new toy or ball that they got for Christmas!

Well let's start with our own little dog park at the front of our park. (It needs a name) It is small but it has some fun things for our dogs to play with. And it is great for our smaller and older pets that don't need as much running around to burn off energy. It has water and shade for everyone to enjoy.

But if your pet is ready for an adventure let's start with **Blackstone Dog Park**. Right around the corner at 2112 14th Avenue West. They are open from sunrise to sunset. Closed for Maintenance Thursday from 7 PM to 10 AM and the last Friday of the month from 2 PM to 7 PM for flea and tick control. (What a great idea!) They have free waste bags (but you should always bring your own in case they are all gone), covered shelters, and enclosed areas for small, fragile, or elderly dogs.

The Laurie Crawford Dog Park located at G.T Bray Park, 51st Street West, Bradenton is a fenced-in four-acre off-leash dog park. The hours are sunrise to sunset. They are closed for maintenance on Mondays 7-10 am -New large and small dog park areas, Thursday 7-10 Old large and small dog park areas, and last Friday of every month from 2 pm – 7 am to spray for ticks and fleas. They have doggie drinking fountains, free waste bags, pavilions, and picnic tables so you can visit while your pup is having a blast!

Dog Leg Canine Park is just up the road from us at 7550 69th Street. According to the description, Manatee County provides lots of beaches, restaurants, and shopping but the fun doesn't stop with humans; they have plenty of fun places for your canine family member! It doesn't get much cuter than a park called Dog Leg Canine Park, so what makes it so much fun? It is a generous size with a section just for those small pups that is almost an acre in size. Dogs must be under 30 pounds to enjoy this section. The main section has an agility course, including two different-sized hoops to jump through, various hurdles, permanent weave poles, and a pipe to crawl through! It's an actual playground for your adventurous puppy. The park is open from sunrise to sunset except during weekly maintenance, which is Thursday from 7 am to 10 am, and the last Friday of the month at 2 pm for tick and flea control. They also have restrooms at this park for humans.

Always bring your doggy cleanup bags and water for your puppies. Be respectful of others in the park and have fun with your furry family members.

January Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. Debate
- 6. Tattles
- 11. Plank
- 12. Stronghold
- 15. Route or path
- 16. Adorable
- 17. Paintings
- 18. Immune response trigger
- 20. Saxophone
- 21. Anagram of "Ties"
- 23. Debauchee
- 24. Encircle or bind
- 25. Canvas dwelling
- 26. Physics unit
- 27. Commanded
- 28. Border
- 29. Fire residue
- 30. Stuns
- 31. Restate
- 34. Sea eagles
- 36. Aspiration
- 37. Room at the top
- 41. Average
- 42. Harvest
- 43. Den
- 44. Iridescent gem
- 45. Unit of power
- 46. European volcano
- 47. Purge
- 48. Think likely
- 51. Angry
- 52. Burned to ashes
- 54. Calm
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1. Cut short

- 2. Trouncing
- 3. Needlefish
- 4. Celestial bear
- 5. Biblical garden
- 6. Irish accent
- 7. Embankment
- 8. Gulf port
- 9. Type of snake
- 10. Ebb
- 13. Plays at high volume 34. Nations ruled by a
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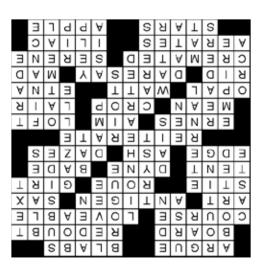
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- 15. Hindu social division 35. Book lovers
- 16. Brave
- 19. Secret meeting 22. For all time
- 24. Small antelope
- 26. Speaker's place
- 27. Used in baseball 30. Moist
- 32. Evening (poetic)
- 33. Violent disruptions

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- 38. Rolled oats 39. Fund
- 40. Exchange
- 42. Gentle touch
- 44. Whale
- 45. Ice or steam
- 48. Information
- 49. Largest continent
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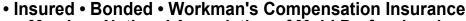


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