

The Village Voice



Newsletter For Country Lakes Village II

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA)

Theresa Stevens, HOA President



Hello everyone! Happy July!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. It is sunny and beautiful here in CLVII.

We had a good turnout for our June meeting. We also had three residents on our Zoom call; we are still working the kinks out, and we will hopefully have more on our Zoom at the July HOA meeting.

I received a call from a resident, Trina Knox, who explained that she was bored and was wondering if anyone in our park needed help with anything. It turned out that Thomas Ringland and Cleo Aurich were in need of having their house pressure washed, so she contacted them, and they are very grateful for Trina stepping up and pressure washing their house, which is not an easy job. Katie provided the solution so there was no cost to Trina. Thank you, Trina, for helping out a fellow resident in need.

The House Bills 701 and 1714 stalled in the Senate and did not pass on to the governor's office for signature before the legislative shutdown for the summer. The FMO is investigating this matter and will provide more information in the future. We will keep you updated as information becomes available.

It has come to our attention that some residents have been complaining that Katie Dell, Community Manager, has attended a couple of our HOA meetings. We have included Katie in our meetings when she has asked to join to provide important information to our residents. If the HOA is offered the opportunity to provide our residents with first-hand information directly from management, we intend to take advantage of it. We have also found that Katie is willing to answer questions that are off topic from the original reason for attending the meeting. We appreciate this management's transparency, as it is something we have not been provided with by other managers in the past. This HOA is committed to having a good working relationship, not only with management, but also with MHM. We feel that having a good relationship with both can only benefit the residents of CLVII, and that is the primary goal of the HOA.

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Kevin Karcher has resigned as the Chairperson for the Social Committee. The HOA would like to take this opportunity to thank Kevin for all he has done for the RAC, Social Committee, and, more importantly, the residents of CLVII. Kevin has always given 100% to help any resident as needed. He will be missed on the Social Committee. Judy Faries has offered to step in as Chairperson for the Social Committee due to the resignation of Kevin Karcher. More information on the Social Committee will follow in their article in this Village Voice.

Have a great month! God bless you all and God Bless America!

Sincerely,

Theresa Stevens, HOA President

SOCIAL/FUN COMMITTEE

Judy Faries, Chairperson

Social Committee:

As some of you are aware, Kevin Karcher recently resigned from his role as Chairperson of the Social Committee for personal reasons. Kevin would like to spend more time traveling, visiting family, and enjoying his time with loved ones. Kevin has been a great asset not only to the Social Committee but to our community, and he will be missed. He has agreed to continue to maintain the calendar for the clubhouse events, to include any requests to reserve the clubhouse for private parties. He has also agreed to continue to be the point of contact for the Annual Yard Sale that is scheduled for January.

Dianne Meygaard and Anna Syjud have also said they will be stepping away from the Social Committee by the end of this year. Both have spent many years on the RAC/Social Committee, ensuring that events are scheduled for the residents, and have put a lot of hard work and effort into it. Although both will be missed after so many years, they are ready to sit back and enjoy events without having to work

so hard to put them together. The community has been very blessed to have had them both for so many years.

That brings us to the next order of business. When one chapter ends, another must begin. We need to look at this as a great opportunity to build on what has always been a strong team. We are asking for volunteers to join the committee. Your residency status doesn't matter. You can be full-time, part-time, snowbird, or renter. We are looking for people who want to bring new ideas and 'fresh blood', so to speak, for event and party planning. Many of you have voiced great ideas for things to do in CLVII, so now is your opportunity to have your voice heard and make a real difference for our residents.

If you would like to throw your hat into the ring or just want more information, please contact *Judy Faries* at 301-904-4585, *JoAnne Fandey* at 805-236-2888, or *Judy Marshall* at 770-339-7575.

CLVII Social/Fun Committee

Judy Faries – Chairperson/Financial Manager
Social Committee Members: Dianne Meygaard,
Anna Syjud, Judy Marshall, Joanne Fandey

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FROM MANAGEMENT

NEWS FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Katie Dell, Community Manager

Summer is in full swing for the Dell kids. Delaney had the honor of being awarded a scholarship to **MANAGER** Florida State University, a cross-country camp. She stayed in the dorms for a full week. Great experience for her. Kooper is going to summer football workouts at the high school and is in the summer session for wrestling. James & Joseph are busy (ha!) to say the least. Lots of popsicles, fort building, and Nerf guns. Daniel and Jen beefed up their fishing pole collection and found great places to fish. Daniel may be a little sour that Jen keeps out-fishing him! But hey, don't girls do everything better? Daniel plans on shooting fireworks on the 4th with family and friends. Speaking of the 4th, Bob Miller is planning on attending your party; he will split between both CLV1 & CLV2. Hope you have a great turnout and fun time! A few reminders: If you are skipped during this scheduled tree trimming, and you are in need, you will receive the next round. The RV storage fee of \$60 per month begins this month. If temporary parking is needed for you or your guests, please contact the office – there will be spaces available in the RV lot (no charge). MCUD will be delivering new 96-gallon garbage bins to begin use on October 6th. The lawn service is every Wednesday. ACH is the recommended way to pay your lot rent. Or put your check in the Dropbox outside of the office (available 24/7). We are seeing more late payments because of mail issues. The poll for spraying pavers is almost complete. If Management assumes this responsibility, it would not begin until 2026. Hurricane literature is available in the office; please feel free to pick up. Debris of all kinds is to be secured before incoming storms. Please walk around your home and inspect for loose material/items. No smoking unless in a designated area, thank you! Stay cool! – *Katie A. Dell*



NOTES FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board comprises CLVI, representing both CLVI and CLVII: Sandy Gilbertson, Sue Eckert, Judy MacInnis, Bruce Steltzer, and George Schrode, CLVII.

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

Simply submit in writing:

1. Name;
2. CLV address;
3. Email address;
4. Phone number;
5. Date you became a resident of Country Lakes;
6. Are you a full-time/part-time resident?

Give it to any board member or place it in the Advisory Board drop box located in the each clubhouse.

The Advisory Board continues to bring residents' concerns and requests to Katie Dell and management. The Board's responsibilities include the annual review and approval of the social activities' budgets of the two community Recreation Activity Committees, along with receiving monetary concerns and requests that affect the improvements in the two communities.

Please use the "Resident Input Form" for your suggestions and concerns. They are available in the clubhouses, from board members, and in this publication. There are input drop boxes in the hallways of both clubhouses to receive the forms or give them to a board member. All input is kept confidential.

The Advisory Board looks forward to receiving your suggestions and ideas for the benefit of our communities.

Discussion on input forms received from residents.





- No financial request forms were received by the Advisory Board from CLVI or CLVII. No updates at this time.



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HAPPY
4TH OF JULY
INDEPENDENCE DAY

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Deb Williams

Please refer to the 'Welcome to Country Lakes Village II' article in this newsletter. We have new residents, Ron Robarge and Sean McGregor, who have moved into our community. If you see them out and about, please welcome them to the neighborhood and let them know about upcoming events so they can come have some fun and meet their neighbors.

Please take note of the Upcoming Events notice in this newsletter. I have some extra exciting news to share with you. Kevin Brooks is scheduled to perform for us on Saturday, September 26, from 7-10 PM. This is a rescheduled performance from last year that he was unable to attend. It will be so wonderful to see Kevin back performing after his time away due to illness. Let's all come out and show Kevin the support he deserves, as he has always been a resident favorite.

Deb Williams, Editor

SUNSHINE CORNER

Peggy Seiler, Coordinator

As we enter this new month and celebrate the 4th of July, I am reminded that Ronald Reagan said, 'We must never forget that we are ONE NATION UNDER GOD.' I'd like to add that God Himself said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' HE CARES.

When difficult times are faced, it is then that we need to be reminded that God walks with us through sickness and in death. We sent our condolences to the Keenan family in New York on the passing of a friend to many here in CLVII, as Jim Keenan recently passed away in June.

We have had several folks in and out of the hospital since our last article. Not only has Reese Rickards had his medical challenges, but his wife, Kim, also has had some issues. Both are now home, and caregivers are helping with their situation.

Country Lake Village II

We also made contact with Judy Faries' Dave, who also went to the hospital, but should be home at this time.

Others are suffering from allergies and skin rashes, but overall, we have been very blessed in our CLVII community.

Thanks to ALL who help me in order that cards can be given to the folks in our community or to their families. WE AS A COMMUNITY CARE TOO!

Peggy Seiler,

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TRAVEL

Bev Smith, Coordinator

"CRUISE TO THE CARIBBEAN", Jan.19-25, 2026 on SKY PRINCESS cruise ship. Stops at Nassau Bahamas, Amber Cove Dominican Republic, Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos, and Port Canaveral. "CRUISE ALASKA", July 22-29, 2026, on Coral Princess. Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay National Park, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, and Vancouver, British Columbia. You can add a land package also.

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.!!

Bev



SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 7-10 PM
BYOB & 50/50

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NO TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT. SIGN UP SHEET
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CLUBHOUSE ON JULY 12.



LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, September 1 1 PM

Menu by Dave the Pizza Guy

BYOB

Tickets will be available on August 12. See Deb Williams
2072 Tranquility Lane for tickets. Due to caterers need
for headcount no tickets will be available after August 25.



CLVII UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

Saturday, August 2: Funky Monkey Duo, 7-10 PM, BYOB, 50/50.

Monday, September 1: Labor Day Celebration, Menu by Dave the Pizza Guy, 1 PM, BYOB.

Saturday, September 27: Kevin Brooks, 7-10 PM, BYOB, 50/50.

Friday, October 31: Halloween Party, Taylor & Taylor, 7-10 PM, BYOB, 50/50.

Tuesday, November 11: Veterans Day Celebration, M-N-M BBQ, 12:30 PM, BYOB, 50/50 to benefit veterans organization.

Sunday, November 23: Friendsgiving, Menu by Carr's Custom Catering, 2 PM, BYOB.

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.

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



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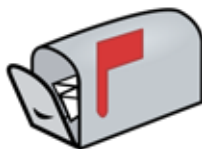
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Attention CLVII residents. Did you know we have internal mailboxes in the Clubhouse? They are on the south side of the hallway between the kitchen and restrooms, near the side entrance. These boxes are for postage-free communication between residents 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!



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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tuesday 8:30 Pickle ball 9:30 Water Exercise 10:00 Ping Pong 1:00 Dominoes 4:00 Social Hour/Potluck 7:00 Mixed Bridge 7:00 Darts
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Wednesday 8:30 Pickle ball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 10:00 Yoga 12:00 "Pennies from Heaven" /Library
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AUGUST 2025 CLVII Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
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Deb Williams, Coordinator

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Seanjm68@aol.com

2096 Cheerful
Ron Robarge
646-660-1968
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*You may have already seen Ron around the neighborhood. Until recently, Ron was renting from Mary Ellen Collins. He has now bought the home and has become a homeowner here in our little slice of paradise.

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The 2025 Memorial Day Celebration was another successful event for CLVII and the Social Committee. The food did not disappoint, and there was plenty for everyone. There was a golf cart parade before the event, and there were a lot of carts, and everyone who joined in enjoyed themselves.



I just wanted to share another group of our special residents who are grateful for the sunshades that have been installed at our CLVII dog park. What a bunch of cuties.



The annual Newby BBQ was put on with a 70s Disco theme this year. The food was delicious, and it was great seeing people dressed up in their 70s apparel. We had almost a full house in attendance and everyone seemed to enjoy the BBQ and have a wonderful time. Thanks to Newby Management for putting this event together for our residents.



Bob & Tom performed in the clubhouse on June 14. After a bit of a slow start, everyone started dancing, and the evening ended on a good note. They played a wide range of songs and artists that the residents found enjoyable.

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FUN FACTS ABOUT JULY

Deb Williams, Coordinator

FUN FACT

1. The Continental Congress voted for independence on July 2, 1776. Despite John Adams wanting the holiday to be celebrated on July 2, that's not the day we celebrate our nation's independence. We celebrate on July 4th since it was the day the Declaration of Independence was formally adopted.
2. President Zachary Taylor died in 1850 after eating spoiled fruit following 4th of July speeches. Taylor was a military leader before serving briefly as president from 1849 to 1850. Following his death, Vice President Millard Fillmore became president.
3. In 1781, Massachusetts became the first state to declare the 4th of July an official state holiday. Despite its early adoption as a state holiday, July 4th wasn't declared a Federal holiday until 1941.
4. The Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped 13 times every July 4th in honor of the original 13 colonies. The Liberty Bell explicitly states its purpose with an inscription that reads "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof." As a result, it has stood as a symbol of freedom for groups championing civil rights.
5. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826. This is one of the most ironic 4th of July facts. These two famous signers of the Declaration of Independence both died on its 50th anniversary. James Monroe, the fifth U.S. president, would later die on July 4, 1831.
6. Calvin Coolidge is the only president who was born on the 4th of July. Coolidge served as governor of Massachusetts and vice president before being elected president in 1923.
7. The Star Spangled Banner became the United States' national anthem in 1931.

THINGS TO DO IN THE PARK

Mahjong – Sunday at 1 p.m.

Coordinator: Barb Gibson 941-304-6588

Cornhole – Monday at 1:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Kevin Karcher 609-929-2211

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

Coordinator: Sue Garcia 906-280-2890

Pinochle - 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

Dominoes – Tuesday 1 p.m.

Coordinator: Jim Roberts 410-465-0159

Potluck & Social Hour - Tuesday 4 p.m.

BYOB and munchies plus a dish to share.

Darts - Tuesday 7 p.m.

Coordinator: Walter Hull 614-578-6562

Feather Your Nest – Thursday 6 p.m.

Coordinator: Kevin Karcher 609-929-2211

Canasta - Friday 1 p.m.

Coordinator: TBD

Karaoke - Friday 7 p.m.

Coordinators: *Cherry Vickery 941-301-7782*
Anna Syjud 248-983-8545

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



1. Sign of healing	13. Accomplishments	42. Adjust again
2. Wan	21. American symbol	45. Fugitive
3. Double-reed woodwind	25. Cypher	48. In hock
4. Pig sound	26. Oodles	51. Beats
5. Show obeisance	27. Acid related to gout	52. Farewell
6. Volcano explosions	28. Bristle	53. French for "Our"
7. Not strict	29. A sporting competition	55. A 4-player card game
8. Been in bed	34. Baby carriages	58. Roof overhang
9. Advertising catchphrase	36. Utiliser	59. Put ____ words
10. Lingering sensation	37. Close	60. Type of cheese
11. Freight	38. Sounds of disapproval	61. Your majesty
12. Notions	40. Average	62. Makes lace



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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jul 1	Tammy Hayden
Jul 1	Rick Hinton
Jul 1	Dorothy Stroschein
Jul 1	Taz Roberts
Jul 2	Ron Lorenz
Jul 2	Sharon Benedict
Jul 3	Janice Kasnevich
Jul 3	Debbie Oliver
Jul 4	Victoria DeRosa
Jul 6	Thor Olsen
Jul 7	Ann Marsden
Jul 8	Linda Chitti
Jul 15	Darlene Nielsen
Jul 15	Bonnie Bazydlo
Jul 17	Susie Taunt
Jul 22	Verna McKay
Jul 23	Ed Benedict
Jul 27	Dianne Meyaard
Jul 28	Gale Sills
Jul 29	Colleen Magne
Jul 31	Luis Carvalho
Jul 31	Diane Arena



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Jul 1	Don & Donna Pfluke	
Jul 2	Patrick & Angel Besanson	
Jul 3	Gerald & Jenny Martin	
Jul 3	Jim & Gail Stickner	
Jul 6	Lester & Peggy Seiler	57 Years
Jul 13	Vince Mizgorski & Linda Werner	
Jul 16	Richard & Christina Rhodes	59 Years
Jul 18	Dom & Ginny Femia	61 Years
Jul 27	Bruce & Jacquie Benyo	57 Years
Jul 27	Mike Rowntree & Michelle DiMartino	
Jul 30	Kurt & Pat Hansen	



AROUND THE CORNER

Lorelei Millet, Coordinator

The Around the Corner article will be on hiatus over the summer months and will return in the fall.

Many thanks to Lorelei for providing all the information for fun things to do in our surrounding areas. We always look forward to your informative articles every month. We look forward to the return of your Around the Corner article in the fall. Have a great summer.

Safe travels,
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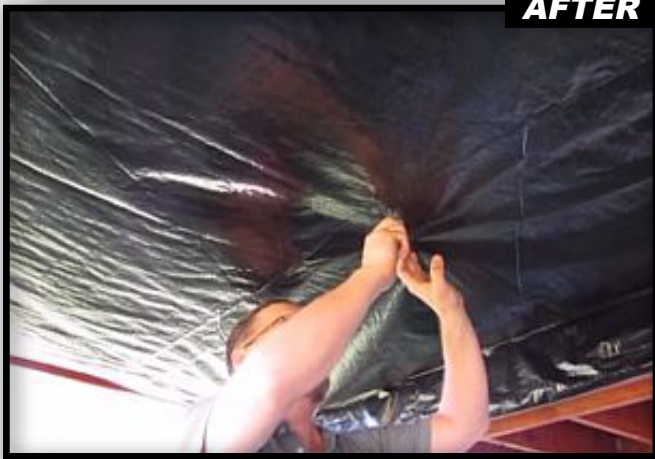
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