

The Village Voice

Newsletter For Country Lakes Village II

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA)

Theresa Stevens, HOA President



Hello everyone, May is here already. The weather has been great for us, although I hear from our northern folks it is still bitterly cold up there. I will take this weather any day.

At our March FMO meeting, we discovered that Meals on Wheels Plus is more than just someone who delivers food to help residents. They have food banks where you can shop for food and places where you can safely meet other people. We have left pamphlets for the food bank locations that are available for any resident who wants to pick one up, or if you just want more information about this great Manatee County option. They are in the clubhouse on the HOA section of the bulletin board.

At the FMO meeting on April 8th, we were told that bills 701 and 1714 both passed, and we are now waiting for both bills to go to Gov. Ron DeSantis' desk. We are getting very positive feedback, and hopefully it will be signed into law in July. This will have a positive impact on quite a few of our qualifying residents in our community to help lower the rent.

We continue to receive many complaints about speeding in the community. This includes golf carts as well. Please tell your family members about the 15 MPH speed limit in the community. Many residents have golf carts that can go much faster than the posted speed limit, and you need to keep your speed at no more than the speed limit. Also, stop signs should be adhered to throughout the community by both cars and golf carts.

If you find anyone, including delivery drivers, not stopping at the stop signs or keeping to the speed limit, contact Katie and provide the street and time, and she can look it up, and we can issue a warning.

If you are looking for information on Facebook about our community, be sure that you are on the correct page, which is (Residents of Country Lakes Villages Community Forum). This page is the only place to find the correct information about CLVI and CLVII. This is where Katie will post everything about our community. Admins for any Facebook pages that are not watched by the office should ensure that the rules for the

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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 clubhouses.

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

First Aid Kit for Pickle Ball Court at CLVII - recommended the purchase and approved by management.

- Concern about social ticket policy at CLVII - the concern will be forwarded to the CLVII RAC.
- Smoking area revamp at CLVI - after review by the Board and discussion with management, the decision is "to be determined."
- Would MHM consider offering low-interest loans for home repair? This subject will go to Scott Brown and be brought back to the Advisory Board.
- CLVI shuffleboard court signs are in need of repair or replacement. Management will place this in a future budget.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Deb Williams

Please refer to the 'Welcome to Country Lakes Village II' article in this newsletter. We have three new residents 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.

The 'Around the Corner' article, coordinated by Lorelei Millet, will be taking a break over the summer months and will return in the fall.

It appears that the new shaded area of the dog park has been completed with the new sun sails. I would like to mention this dog park update in an article in the June Village Voice, thanking MHM for providing this for our fur babies. Any residents with pets, please send me a picture of your pet to my email address, dawilliams1031@yahoo.com, and I will add their picture along with the article. The HOA

fought to have sun sails added to the dog park due to the artificial turf getting so hot during the summer months.

Deb Williams, Editor

Country Lake Village II



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SUNSHINE CORNER

Peggy Seiler, Coordinator

Most of us living here in CLVII are in retirement. One thing we all agree on is that we get tired much quicker! Now I understand that word!!! With it comes challenges that we are, in fact, growing older, and some things need repair work done. Just ask Patti Orlic, who has had her second knee operation, and Linda Weber, who needed a shoulder replacement. Then others have been in the hospital for surgery, like Joanne Fandy and Jackie Russell, since our last month's newsletter. Still others have taken falls like Janet Stram, who is also doing amazingly well. It is also good to know that Reese Rickards is back with us after spending time in a rehabilitation center.

Upon submission of this issue, we learned that Cindy Brown has not been well and had to spend a night in the hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

The good news is that they are all recovering and have appreciated the card they received from their Sunshine Community Family.

For those of you who know Marlies Veeder, she is presently in a facility that is best suited for meeting her needs.

The most painful experience in our community is when we feel the loss of a loved one. Our hearts reached out to Sandy Thacker in the passing of her son, Ryan, 51 years old, who had a very quick and abrupt heart attack that took his life. Sandy is thankful to all who have shown her their condolences and sympathy for the pain she is experiencing. We also grieve and give our condolences to Lillian Monteleone on the very recent passing of her husband, Gerald. May the Lord comfort her and the family during this time of great loss.

We do our best to get cards for all the people we mention in our newsletter, and some for others who do not wish to be mentioned. I often get to see what getting that card means to people, and in that, as the Coordinator of the Sunshine Committee, I am very blessed.

To all, I thank you for getting word to me of anyone having surgery and being in the hospital, or where there is a death of a mother, father, or child. This month of May, I will have served as the Sunshine Coordinator for three years, but I cannot do it without Community support, so please know that I mean it when I say, "Thank You"!

We are a caring community. Let us stay that way for one another.

Thank you and Blessings,
Peggy Seiler,
941-217-9384, 2110 Lakeside



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





Come enjoy some fun in the sun

Saturday, May 17th 1-4 PM

Entertainment by:

Scott Allen

BYOB and bring a dish to pass

NO TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT.

A SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE LOCATED NEAR THE MAILBOXES AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON APRIL 26TH FOR YOU TO SIGN UP.



CLVII MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, May 26th 1-4 PM

Menu provided by:

M-N-M BBQ

BYOB

See Deb Williams at 2072 Tranquility Lane to sign up and get tickets. Tickets will be available on May 5th. Due to headcount requirement for the caterer, no tickets will be distributed after May 19th.

CLVII UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

Saturday, May 17: Pool Party, Scott Allen, 1-4pm, BYOB/ Appetizers, 50/50.

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day Celebration, 1-4pm, M-N-M BBQ, BYOB.

Saturday, June 14: Bob & Tom, 7-10 PM, BYOB & 50/50

Friday July 4: 4th of July Celebration, Menu by Banquet Masters, 1 PM, BYOB.

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.

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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1. Name _____
2. FI 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)? _____

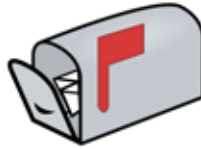
13. Do you believe you have been a resident long enough to be objective to issues that may arise? Explain how you are an active and involved resident. _____

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? _____

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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 on the south side of the hallway between the kitchen and restrooms, near the side entrance. These boxes are for postage-free communications 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
Join us for Saturday
morning coffee, donuts
and chat!
8:15 a.m. at the clubhouse.



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May 2025 CLVII Events

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				1	2	3	Sunday Mahjong 1:00 Monday 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 9:00 Chicks with Kicks 1:00 Cornhole 1:00 Pinochle
4	5	6	7 HOA Resident Meeting 7PM	8	9	10	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
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 	Wednesday 8:30 Pickle ball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 10:00 Yoga 12:00 "Pennies from Heaven" /Library
Hymm Sing 18 5 PM Library 	19  1 PM	20	21	22	23	24	Thursday 8:30 Pickle ball 9:30 Water Exercise 6:30 Euchre
25	26  1-4 PM	27	28	29	30		Friday 8:30 Pickle ball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 9:00 Chicks with Kicks 1:00 6 Deck Canasta 7:00 Karaoke
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JUNE 2025 CLVII Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DAILY EVENTS
1	2	3	4 HOA Resident Meeting 7 PM	5	6	7	Sunday Mahjong 1:00
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Bob & Tom 7-10 PM	Monday 8:30 Pickleball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 9:00 Chicks with Kicks 1:00 Cornhole 1:00 Pinochle
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RECENT ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK



Our St. Patrick's Day event turned out great. The entertainment and food were both top notch. The residents danced the afternoon away once our meal had been completed. We had a great time.



★ ★ ★
Memorial Day
— REMEMBER AND HONOR —



April 4th was the rescheduled Silver Alert dance due to the cancellation of the event during Hurricane Milton. What a great time it turned out to be. Silver Alert provided entertainment that everyone loved to dance to, and we were entertained by some of our residents when they performed 'The Stroll' for us. Thank you, Jerry Martin, for being the inspiration for the dance and shirts. This was a great addition to an already wonderful evening.

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On April 6th we had the third and final show of the Sunday Show Series. Christopher John provided entertainment for the afternoon show. We had quite a large turnout for the event, and everyone seemed to enjoy the fun. He interacted with the residents, as you can see from the pictures, and all the residents enjoyed his show.

Mother's Day



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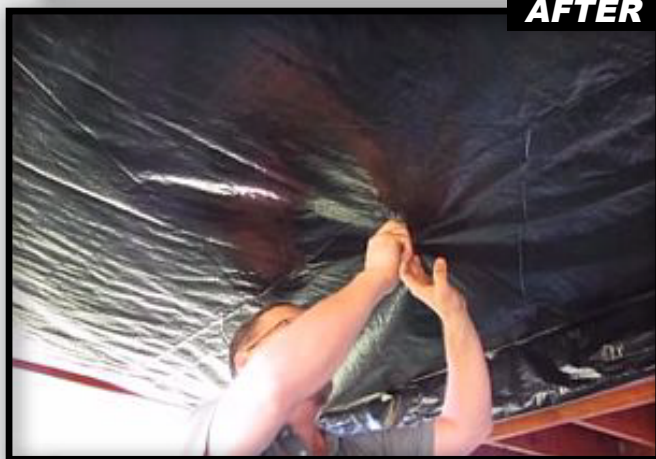
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Cornhole – Monday at 1:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Kevin Karcher 609-929-2211

Pickleball – Mon-Sat 8:30 a.m.

Coordinator: Linda Weber 618-977-2705

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

Coordinator: Jim Roberts 410-465-0159

Chicks with Kicks – Mon & 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

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.

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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

FUN FACTS ABOUT MAY

Deb Williams, Coordinator

FUN FACT

- It is the third and last month of the season of spring.
- The birthstone of May, the emerald, symbolizes success and love.
- May in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to November in the Southern Hemisphere.
- May was once considered a bad luck month to get married. There is a poem that says, "Marry in May and you'll rue the day".
- In Old English, May is called the "month of three milkings," referring to a time when the cows could be milked three times a day.
- The Indianapolis 500 car race is held each year during this month. The Kentucky Derby, the world's most famous horse race, is also held on the second Saturday of this month.
- The month of May is devoted to the Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church.
- The United Kingdom celebrates May as the National Smile Month.

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,

Lorelei Millet



May Crossword

ACROSS

1. Identical
5. Illustrated
10. Goblins
14. Coagulate
15. Sound
16. Type of sword
17. Accomplishment
19. Culminating point
20. Permit
21. British biscuit
22. Off-white
23. Stalker
25. Funeral piles
27. "I agree"
28. Water removal
31. Adjust again
34. Sneaks a look
35. Wetland
36. Gorillas
37. Squeeze
38. Online journal
39. Zero
40. Requires
41. Sows
42. Icebreakers
44. Honey insect
45. Stop
46. Choral composition
50. Mend
52. Approaches
54. Consumes
55. Freshwater mussel
56. Perspicacity
58. Economic prosperity
59. Rent
60. Lack of difficulty
61. Rational
62. Aromatic compound
63. Lyric poems



DOWN

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Anagram of "Clasp" | 18. A small island | 40. He built the ark |
| 2. Change | 22. Colored part of the eye | 41. Perception |
| 3. Slogan | 24. Y Y Y | 43. Develop into |
| 4. Estimated time of arrival | 26. Long-haired wild oxen | 44. Swap |
| 5. Social events | 28. Accomplishments | 46. Reason |
| 6. Hearsay | 29. Not bad | 47. Coming up |
| 7. Gulf port | 30. They come from hens | 48. Thigh armor |
| 8. Juice extraction device | 31. Hindu princess | 49. Donkeys |
| 9. Excluding | 32. Majestic | 50. Taverns |
| 10. Paradise | 33. Choice | 51. Dwarf buffalo |
| 11. Like human thumbs | 34. False appearances | 53. French for "State" |
| 12. Ale or lager | 37. A leguminous plant | 56. Beer |
| 13. Alluring | 38. Borscht vegetable | 57. Modern |



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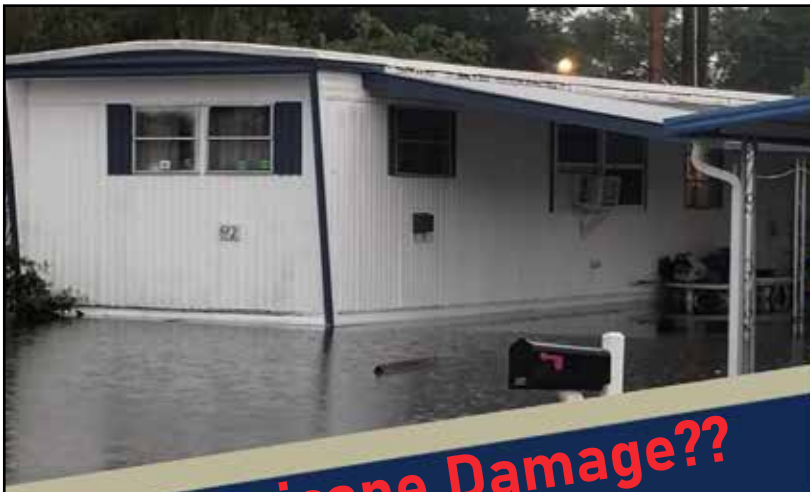
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