

HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA)

Theresa Stevens, HOA President

Happy November, it is turkey time once again, and with that brings more northerners back to our sunny, warm community. Welcome back, everyone! It's great to see your smiling faces! If you still need repairs due to the hurricane damage, please give the HOA your name, and we will forward it to Katie. Scott Brown organized a Town Hall to explain the rent increase to all the CLVII residents. This was done so everyone received the same information at the same time, and Zoom was also available. If you have any questions about the 2026 8.3% base rent increase or market value, please contact Katie. She will be happy to discuss this with you. You know you live in a great community when one resident, knowing another resident was in need of having their home power-washed, took it upon herself to show up and save the day. This is not the first time Trina Knox has helped a neighbor in need. She has also helped with yard work, all out of the kindness of her heart. Trina has also volunteered to help with the library regularly. Thank you, Trina! There has been some confusion on our Facebook sites. If you need to notify the office of an issue or concern, etc., please use 'Residents of Country Lakes Villages Community Forum', which includes both CLVI, CLVII and management. 'Friends of Paradise' is only for CLVII residents. Also, be respectful when you are making a post or a comment on either site. Read it again before you post it. For those in need of a front yard light post, Katie is still working on this; it has not been forgotten. She has the pricing in place and is now in search of the globe for the light fixture. Please, have patience.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! God Bless you and God Bless America!

Sincerely, Theresa Stevens, HOA President

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SOCIAL/FUN COMMITTEE

Judy Faries, Chairperson

It's already November. Where has the year gone? This is the busiest time of the year for the Social Committee. We have a lot going on for the rest of this year. There are three events in November. We have a Veterans' Day Celebration on November 11.

with the golf cart parade and a presentation at the flagpole at the entrance, *VETERANS DAY* with a meal at the



clubhouse afterward. Then, on November 15, get your jeans and cowboy hats out (if you have them) for a Country Western Dance. Smokey Daniels Band will be providing the music. Don't forget the Friendsgiving meal on November 23. Carr's Custom Catering will be catering the event. Watch for the dates the tickets will be available and get them as early as possible.

December is right around the corner, with the Golf Cart Parade/Gift and Cookie Exchange and Ice Cream being served on December 7. The Christmas Buffet is scheduled for December 14, and the New Year's Eve Party on December 31.

The Social Committee has been busy working on the schedule/budget for 2026. It will be posted and discussed at the November HOA meeting on November 5. There are a lot of events planned for the entire year.

I want to give a heads-up for the Chili Cook-Off on January 24. Please think about competing in the Chili contest. Please contact Judy Faries at 301-904-4585 or email judy.faries@gmail.com if you would like to enter the contest or act as a judge. 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 provide items such as cheese, sour cream, Fritos, Cornbread, etc., to accompany the chili.

Have a great November. With the part-time residents returning, we will need your tickets requested and picked up as early as possible once Country Lake Village II PAGE 3

the events are open for ticket distribution. There will be a cutoff date for picking up your tickets, or they will be distributed to those on the wait list.

CLVII Social/Fun Committee

Judy Faries - Chairperson/Financial Manager, Social Committee Members: Anna Syjud, Joanne Fandey, Barry Kastel, Jacquie Weigand

FROM MANAGEMENT

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



Happy November, Everyone!

The holiday season is right around the corner, and there's no better time to pause and reflect on all that we're thankful for here at Country Lakes Villages. From the beauty of our community to the kindness of our residents, we have much to celebrate this Thanksgiving.

As we welcome visiting family and friends for the holidays, please remember: guests staying longer than three (3) weeks are required to have a background check processed through the office. This ensures the continued safety and peace of mind for everyone in our community. If you plan to host extended guests, please contact the office in advance so we can make the process quick and easy.

We're also happy to say that hurricane season is almost behind us — it officially ends on November 30th. Thankfully, this year has been a much calmer season compared to last year's rough storms, and we're grateful to have avoided any major impacts. Thank you to everyone for staying prepared and patient through the season, and let's continue to keep our emergency plans handy just a little longer as we head into calmer months ahead.

As we move through November, we also take time to honor Veterans Day on Monday, November **11th**. This day serves as a reminder of the courage

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and sacrifice of the men and women who have served our country. To all our veterans here in Country Lakes Villages — we thank you sincerely for your service and the freedoms you've helped protect.

We'd also like to extend a warm welcome back to all our seasonal residents returning to Florida for the winter months. It's always wonderful to see familiar faces back in the community, and we look forward to another great season of activities, gatherings, and sunshine.

Community Reminders

Thanksgiving Office Hours: The office will be closed on Thursday, November 27th, and Friday, November 28th, in observance of the holiday.

Guest Parking: With extra visitors this season, please remind guests to park in designated areas only and avoid street 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.

A Note of Gratitude: This time of year reminds us how fortunate we are to live in such a caring and neighborly community. Thank you to everyone who helps make Country Lakes Villages a warm and welcoming place to call home.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe, joyful, and delicious Thanksgiving!

— Katie

"The heart that gives thanks is a happy one, for we cannot feel thankful and unhappy at the same time."

— Douglas Wood

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Deb Williams

Please take note of two new residents joining our community. They are listed in the 'Welcome to Country Lakes Village II' article below. Please make them feel welcome and let them know about upcoming events at the clubhouse.

Jay Pinkley has placed a red bin in the clubhouse asking for donations to support a great cause, F.E.L.T. (Feeding Empty Little Tummies). Please see the picture and caption for donations below under the article 'Recent Activities in the Park' for more details.

A big Thank You to Trina Knox for offering to be the coordinator of the library. Please thank Joanna Brasher for all she has done during the interim. Your help has been greatly appreciated.

Trina is also interested in starting up a book club and a recipe club for our residents. Ellenton Library has offered to loan us books for free for the club. Look for more details on our Facebook page. Both clubs sound very interesting, especially the recipe club. Since Trina does not use Facebook, I will be posting

Deb Williams, Editor

updates for her.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Peggy Seiler, Coordinator

Some cooler weather is welcomed as we approach this beautiful



November and Thanksgiving month. We have so much to be thankful for in our lives. Compared to many around the world, we have a roof over our heads, food on our tables, and often the medical help that we need. We in Florida know that fall is here because we are beginning to see our license plates change color, and that's because we are being joined together again with our snowbirds. Welcome back!

Several folks in our community have had surgery.

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Some have already healed up by the time you read this, and others are in the healing process.

You may have seen Kevin Karcher walking about with a sling. The hand is healing, and we are grateful.

Two ladies in our community, Cathy Johnson and Janet Stinnett, had knee surgery. We hope to see them out walking around, and who knows, maybe even running.

Jim Abraham had a hernia operation and is doing well.

Cherry Vickery has had cataract surgery in both eyes, and she is doing well.

Robert Vickery had a ruptured eardrum, but it seems to also be healing.

Others didn't have surgery, but they did themselves in with a tumble, like Ron Lorenz and Helen Evanson. Pain, black and blue, but healing is happening for them, too. Al Goodroad also fell in his yard and was taken to Manatee Hospital by ambulance. It was found that Al broke his right hip and is scheduled for surgery. We offer up prayers for Al successful surgery and speedy recovery.

We all shared with Gail Rowe in the loss of her precious mother. We are sure that this scripture is true when it says, 'the Lord is near to the brokenhearted.' Our sympathy was given to her.

In just a few weeks, Sue Riley will be having a cochlear implant, which is going to help her hear so much better. We let her know that our thoughts and prayers are with her.

Just before this article was to go to the printers, we learned that Katie Dells' children were involved in a serious auto accident, Wednesday, October 15th. Daughter Delaney and sons Kooper and Joseph (one of the twins) were hit by a drunk driver. Delaney and Kooper are ok, but Joseph is still in the hospital. Joseph has undergone surgery to repair a hole in his intestines. Hopefully, his surgery has been successful, and he is finally on the road to a speedy recovery. Our CLVII village is very concerned, and we are keeping Joseph and the family in our thoughts and prayers.

All have received cards, and it does bring a bit of comfort or sunshine into their situation. Thanks to all who make this a special way to CARE for our community that we are blessed to live in at this time.

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

Thank you and Blessings, Peggy Seiler, 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. Just a few rooms left for this cruise. "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. Looking at the Broadway Palms theater for either "Fiddler on the Roof" or "Cats". Also, one hour. Logan River Tour in Venice, Florida with a Dutch treat for lunch and a live band.

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

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CLVII Annual Veterans Day Celebration Tuesday, November 11, 2024

Golf Cart Parade to begin at noon. Please line up at the clubhouse at 11:45. A flag ceremony honoring our veterans at the front gate during the parade then return to clubhouse for lunch.

MNM BBQ Catering will be preparing lunch.

There will be a 50/50 drawing sponsored by the HOA to be 100% donated to a veterans organization. Please be generous.

Anna Syjud, 2134 Lakeside, will be distributing tickets for this event. Tickets will be available on October 21.



@ 2134 Lakeside.

Tickets will be available on October 25. Get your tickets early before they are gone.



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING FRIENDSGIVING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 2 PM

Menu by: Carr's Custom Catering



See Anna Syjud, 2134 Lakeside, for tickets. Tickets will be available on Sunday, November 2.

CLVII UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

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

Saturday, November 15: Smokey Bandits, 7-10PM Sunday, November 23: Friendsgiving, Menu by Carr's Custom Catering, 2 PM, BYOB.

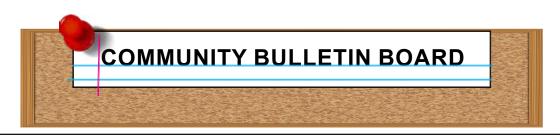
<u>Sunday, December 7:</u> Santa's Gift Exchange, 5:30 PM Golf Cart Parade, followed by ice cream and gift exchange.
<u>Sunday, December 14:</u> Christmas Buffet, M-N-M BBQ 2 PM.

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



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PLEASE WATCH THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARDS AND <u>THE "FRIENDS</u> @ 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 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 Join us for Saturday morning coffee, donuts, and chat! 8:15 a.m. at the clubhouse.



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CELEBRATIONS

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 1	Andee Carpenter					
Nov 1	Pat Lambert					

- Nov 4 Debbie Pinkley
- Nov 4 Cindy Kerns
- Nov 4 Ginny Femia
- Nov 4 Margaret Raible
- Nov 5 Barb Atherton
- Nov 5 Angela Porter
- Nov 6 Thomas Ringland
- Nov 6 Jim Abraham
- Nov 6 James Porter
- Nov 6 Michelle DiMartino
- Nov 9 Pete Kerns
- Nov 9 Jody Rowe
- Nov 10 Barbara Regula
- Nov 10 Scott Leeds
- Nov 12 Mary Tramutola
- Nov 12 Patti Orlic
- Nov 14 Sandra Coseglia
- Nov 15 George Schrode
- Nov 15 Pat Hansen
- Nov 18 Sue Dibble
- Nov 18 Brent Aarestad
- Nov 18 Jeff Naylor
- Nov 19 Fred Hascher
- Nov 19 Charlie Walker
- Nov 20 Laura Reynolds
- Nov 21 Marlin Ashcraft
- Nov 22 Brenda Jackson
- Nov 22 Kris Puterbaugh
- Nov 23 Wayne Gray
- Nov 26 Joseph DeMay
- Nov 27 Sheryl Hafner
- Nov 27 Tom Martel
- Nov 27 Thomas Mahady Nov 27 Janet Herhold
- Nov 27 Rosa Carvalho
- Nov 28 Gayle Bouchard
- Nov 29 Connie Pollack



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov 3 Kyle & Denise Winkler
- Nov 6 Wendell & Sandy Maxham 61 Years
- Nov 6 Joe & Brenda Prisco
- Nov 7 Kevin & Karen Colby
- Nov 7 Walter & Sylvia Hull
- Nov 8 Patrick & Nancy Gallagher 50 Years
- Nov 9 Lon & Jacquie Weigand 57 Years
- Nov 11 Tom & Marianne Carrigan
- Nov 23 Chet & Anna Syjud 52 Years
- Nov 23 Ed & Sharon Benedict
- Nov 23 Jeff & Christine Dix
- Nov 26 Bob & Carla Moriarty
- Nov 29 Jim & Taz Roberts 56 Years
- Nov 30 Kevin & Mary Tramutola



WELCOME TO COUNTRY LAKES VILLAGE II

Deb Williams, Coordinator

New homeowners:

2136 Lakeside 2062 Tranquility Lane

Shaun Oconnell Sean McGregor 941-557-3182 802-999-5257

Shaun34221@yahoo.com Seanjm68@aol.com

2089 Cheerful

Andee Carpenter

616-260-3553

Andee.carpenter@yahoo.com

2186 Easy St

Linda Ward

Cindy King

765-271-3066 (L)

765-208-5984 (C)

Lswwward@icloud.com

Kseeking@aol.com

2055 Tranquility Lane

Christine Maxham 912-710-1397

christinemaxham@yahoo.com



RECENT ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK



Kevin Brooks' long-awaited return to CLVII was a great success. Kevin did not disappoint, as usual. He seems back to his old self and put on a great show. It was great to see and hear him again, and, as usual, our residents danced the night away. We are looking forward to seeing him again soon.

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Jay Pinkley has placed this large red bin at the clubhouse for donations for F.E.L.T. (Feeding **Empty** Little Tummies). F.E.L.T. is Manatee County's backpack original It was program. founded in 2010 to

feed our homeless and food-insecure students on weekends, a time when these children often go hungry. The red bin is going to remain in the clubhouse for donations until he is asked by the residents to remove it. Jay will be checking the bin regularly and taking the food items to their office located in Palmetto. The following food items can be donated:

- Tuna, Chicken, Spam packages
- Vienna Sausages
- · Individual Mac N' Cheese
- Ravioli/Spaghetti Cups
- Pudding Cups
- Fruit Cups
- · Breakfast Bars/Granola Bars
- Snack Crackers
- Ramen Noodles/Cup of Noodles
- Juice Boxes
- Individual Serving Cereal

Please donate generously to this great cause, and thank you, Jay, for highlighting this wonderful cause and bringing it to the attention of the residents of CLVII. 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.

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

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 – 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

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

Library

Coordinator: Trina Knox 315-882-7159

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FUN FACTS ABOUT THANKSGIVING

FUN FACT

Deb Williams, Coordinator

- 1. Thanksgiving was first celebrated in 1621 by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag tribe, marking a harvest feast.
- 2. The first Thanksgiving lasted three days, and it was attended by around 50 Pilgrims and 90 Native Americans.
- 3. Turkey wasn't the only dish served; the menu included venison, fowl, and seafood, as well as fruits and vegetables.
- 4. Thanksgiving became an official holiday in 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed it a national day of 'Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent father who dwelleth in the Heavens'.
- 5. The average American eats about 16 pounds of turkey each year, especially during Thanksgiving.



CLVII Home of the Month award was presented to Sandy and Wendall Maxham. Congratulations on winning this award. Your home always looks so beautiful.





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'.

AROUND THE CORNER

Lorelei Millet, Coordinator

It's the Hap, Happiest Time of the year! And what better time to reflect on the joys of the Holiday Season and all that we are thankful for? We have wonderful friends, a great community, and hopefully good health to enjoy what is happening Around the Corner. November brings us much celebration here in our community, but around town as well. I will highlight some activities here in our Village Voice, but keep an eye on our community webpage for even more events this month! Holidays mean craft shows and festivals, and our area has no shortage of great programs.

Holly Jolly Market – I know you're getting geared up for the holidays, so why not take a trip over the river and through the woods to the 4th Annual Holly Jolly Market in Wimauma! The market is located at 5408 Hwy 674, Wimauma, on November 1st from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be vendors offering fresh produce, arts and crafts, unique gifts, home services, plants and flowers, food trucks, jams and jellies, gift baskets, jewelry, and so much more!

Maxon Farms Community Day – Join Manatee County and Maxon Fruit Farms for the "Passing of the Key" event on Friday, November 7th at 10 am, followed by a celebration with live music, plantings, food trucks, and plenty of fun! Manatee County recently purchased Maxon Farms with the intention of having a place for families and visitors to experience farming in an urban area. Keep an eye on their Facebook page for more great outdoor adventures.

Gather & Grow Fest - Parkesdale Farms

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Market will be hosting the "Gather and Grow Fest" event on November 15, 2025, from 9 am to 2 pm. Parkesdale Farms is located in Plant City at 3702 W. Baker St. If you know Plant City, I know you're thinking, STRAWBERRIES! If you have never been there, this is a great opportunity to enjoy one of their famous Strawberry Shakes, but also some of their wonderful produce and gift items. For the festival, they will have garden vendors, music, art, flowers, and much more. And did you know that Parkesdale Farms also has fresh Florida produce that can be shipped to your loved ones up north!

Ruskin Market – What a great way to get started on that Holiday Shopping! Just a short drive north of us is Ruskin Market with indoor vendors. The Fresh Market has tons of fresh produce and holiday treats. And the Vendor Market (in the same building) has crafts galore for your gift giving or holiday decorating. They are located at 2619 14th Ave SE in Ruskin. They have plenty of free parking, and usually they have a few food trucks as well. Keep

an eye on their Facebook Page, but this special event is taking place on Saturday, November 29th, from 9 am to 2 pm, and happens to be on Small Business Saturday! What a great way to support our small businesses.

Blessings and Thankfulness for you and your families this Holiday Season!

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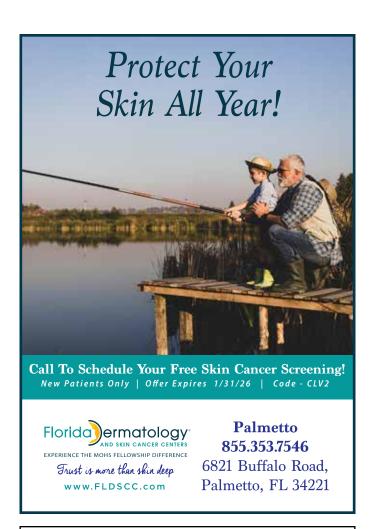


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