

The Village Voice

Newsletter For Country Lakes Village II

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA)

Theresa Stevens, HOA President

Hello everyone, it was a year ago this month that Hurricane Milton devastated our community. We have been lucky so far this year, with only 2.5 months left in the season. Let us all pray we finish the season the way we entered it, with calm. Good news, the jets on the hot tub have been fixed, and the pool should now be eighty-four °. The Resident "Twilight Pool Party" was an immense success. We had great food, hamburgers, hot dogs, and wings with many tasty dishes brought by residents, and delicious desserts, plus a Shark Cake "Jaw's" provided by Management. Then, at dusk, we had our outdoor movie "Jaw's". We did have to move inside due to the rain, although everyone had a great time. There will be another "Twilight Movie at the Pool" this month on the 26th, 5:00-10:00. This event is sponsored by Management. They will have a catered food truck, Dirty South Smoke Shack, and desserts to follow before our surprise movie. Everyone is invited. Get your tickets early. Everything is set for Blue Stream Fiber to move forward. I do not have a start date at this time, although I am sure we will have many updates in the future.

Thank you for your patience at the last meeting with the update of the Bylaws. The changes we are making are for the betterment of the community and are consistent with the FL-723. Deb Williams has put in hours of work researching these changes, and we are still tweaking them slightly at the request of a few residents. We will discuss this again at the October HOA meeting. See you all then at the Oct 1st HOA Meeting.

God Bless you and God Bless America!

Sincerely,

Theresa Stevens, HOA President

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Judy Faries, Chairperson

Hope everyone is ready for fall. I sure am. I would like to thank Janet Stinnett and the volunteers who decorated the clubhouse for the fall season with lovely fall decorations. They did a wonderful job. I also want to thank everyone who helped to clean up after the Labor Day event with Dave the Pizza Guy. The food was great, and everyone seemed to enjoy it all. The desert pizzas were great. I am writing this prior to the Kevin Brooks entertainment and dance, but I am looking forward to all who are able to attend on September 27th. Let's show our support to him after his health issues from last year.

In October, we have the Halloween Dance on October 31st with Taylor and Taylor. Bring your own beverage, and the HOA plans to have a 50/50. Wear your costumes if you like. There will be a best costume competition for males, females, and groups with a prize for the winners. It has always been such a great treat to see all the great costumes residents have come up with.

The budget for 2026 is almost completed and will be provided to the Social Committee for review. It will then be presented to the community, hopefully at the next HOA meeting. It will be provided to the office for approval during that same time period. Since the Advisory Board has been disbanded, we no longer submit to them for approval. There are a lot of great events planned for 2026. We are always looking for ideas for events. Please submit those ideas to anyone on the Social Committee. Please keep in mind that most of the entertainment and caterers must be booked as far in advance as possible, especially during the big holidays. Also, the budget has to be submitted prior to the end of the year. As always, we are looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of events.

Have a great October. With the part-time residents returning, we will need your tickets picked up as early as possible once the events are open for

requests. There will be a cutoff date for picking up your tickets, or they will be provided to those on the wait list.

CLVII Social/Fun Committee

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

FROM MANAGEMENT

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

Happy Fall Y'all!



The BIG news from the office – our very own Daniel, Administrative Coordinator, proposed to his girlfriend Jen, and she said YES! What an exciting time for this young couple! Daniel picked out the most gorgeous diamond ring for his bride-to-be. Please congratulate Daniel when you see him.

Other big news from the office – Curtis has been promoted to Lead Maintenance. His work is detailed; he is dependable and proven to be 'one step' ahead when it comes to duties in the community. Congrats Curtis!

The Advisory Board was disassembled in August of 2025 when their mission was fulfilled. There will be a celebration coming soon to thank them and honor their commitment to the community.

We skipped September's home of the month. Apologies, but time was not on my side. This will not happen again.

Pet owners, please do not walk your pet on other lawns, use the common areas, or the dog park. PAVER SPRAYING POLL RESULT! Management WILL spray pavers for weeds twice a year, Spring/Fall. Paver driveways still need to be maintained by homeowners; this includes maintenance of polymeric sand. This sand is available at Walmart/Lowe's/Home Depot/Hardware stores.

Welcome home, snowbirds. You were missed.

October is a good time for everyone to prioritize

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health and happiness. Key reminders: stay active, socially engaged, prepare for emergencies, and maintain good hydration.

October is a special month for many - Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Thinking of you who lost someone, fought the battle yourself, or are going through the rounds now. Early detection matters; make yourself a priority.

Management is proud to sponsor your Twilight Pool Party with a Food Truck, come meet some new faces.

There is no better place to be than Florida in the months to come. Love where you live!

– Katie

“By prevailing over all obstacles and distractions, one may unfailingly arrive at his chosen goal or destination.” – Christopher Columbus

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Deb Williams

A hard goodbye. As most of you are aware, CLVII lost one of its favorite residents in September when she moved out of our community. Dianne Meyaard has touched most of our residents with her kindness and dedication over the years. She has given herself selflessly of her time and was always there when needed. She was an integral part of our Residents Activity Committee and always worked with the best interests of our residents at heart. Her smile could light up any room she walked into, and we were a better community for having had her here with us. I choose not to say goodbye, I choose to say thank you for helping to make this a better community to live in. Your actions, smile, and many kindnesses will always remain a part of CLVII. We all wish you happiness in all your future endeavors and hope you know how much you have meant to this community.

Deb Williams, Editor

SUNSHINE CORNER

Peggy Seiler, Coordinator



Are we really saying goodbye to this hot, humid weather and welcoming our winter months? I hear folk getting not only excited about the cooler weather coming our way, but that our Village Family Snowbirds will soon be joining us! Yeh!

Certainly wish we could avoid all winter colds and flu! We have had a few people sick with Covid. Some have a mild case, but others, like Marlin Ashcroft and Pete and Cindy Kerns, were struggling with it. We are thankful to know they have recovered.

Cindy Brown has had some issues and recently had surgery, but it is good to see her up and around.

Prayers are still needed for Reese Rickards, who had a stroke. Pray for Kim as she also has had some challenges along with her need to care for Reese.

Not only do we try to get cards to people, but they appreciate our love and concerns as some folk drop in to see them or give them a telephone call. These little acts of kindness, thoughtfulness, and CARING are what make this Village a special community.

Thank you to ALL for helping and letting me know when an ambulance has come in, or you know of someone in the hospital, or when, sadly, there is a death. 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 Country Lake Village II

Princess. Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay National Park, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, and Vancouver, British Columbia. You can add a land package. Looking at Broadway Palms theater for either "Fiddler on the Roof" or "Cats". Also, a one hour. Logan River Tour in Venice 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

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 – 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.

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.

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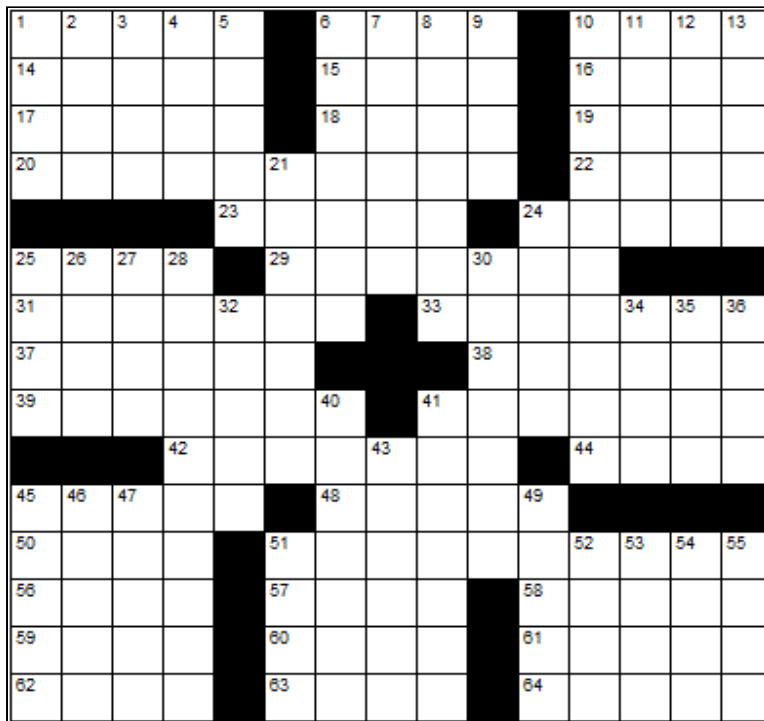


Our Labor Day celebration was a great success. Dave, the Pizza Guy did a fabulous job, and all the residents enjoyed their pizza meal. The addition of his dessert pizza was a big hit, and we are hoping that it will be included the next time he caters for us. Many residents remained after the meal was over to continue to enjoy the company of their neighbors and friends. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying their meal and the fellowship of neighbors.

October Crossword

ACROSS

1. Incorrect
6. Wheelchair access
10. Cummerbund
14. A 4 base hit in baseball
15. One of the Great Lakes
16. Arm bone
17. Drama set to classical music
18. All right
19. Lives, in brief
20. Relating to menopause
22. A heavy open wagon
23. Go inside
24. In need of cleaning
25. Tallow source
29. Universal
31. Spoke
33. To the touch
37. Streamer
38. Mild expletive
39. Less reputable
41. Interpret incorrectly
42. Confined to certain regions
44. Glimpse
45. Grizzlies for example
48. Pertaining to the sun
50. Precipitation
51. Being at the right time
56. Rear end
57. Thought
58. Female demon
59. Misfortunes
60. Breathing organ
61. Enlighten
62. Colors
63. French for "Head"
64. Pub game



TRICK OR TREAT

DOWN

- | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Which person? | 13. Hurried | 40. What's left |
| 2. Lariat | 21. Irate | 41. Non-metric road distance |
| 3. Portent | 24. Freshwater fishes | 43. Instant |
| 4. Detective _____ Wolfe | 25. Subscriptions | 45. Plait |
| 5. Vineyard fruit | 26. Mormon state | 46. Not late |
| 6. Proved false | 27. European volcano | 47. A long narrow passage |
| 7. Come to light | 28. Affection | 49. Angered |
| 8. Mosque turret | 30. Extreme | 51. Pitching to one side |
| 9. Rind | 32. Harnesses | 52. Nil |
| 10. Social group | 34. Frosts, as a cake | 53. Arab ruler |
| 11. Assumed name | 35. Jump | 54. Search (through) |
| 12. Haughty response | 36. Countercurrent | 55. Articulates |

October



JOIN NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
FOR A SPOOKY TIME AND ENJOY
CREEPY AND CRAZY TUNES OF
TAYLOR & TAYLOR
Friday, October 31, 7—10 PM

Costumes not required but you will miss
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BYOB **50/50**

Halloween Golf Cart Parade prior to party
Meet at the clubhouse at 6:15, parade at 6:30
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CLVII UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

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.

Saturday, November 15: Smokey Bandits, 7-10PM

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 CCC Catering, 8-Midnight, BYOB, 50/50.





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12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Wednesday 8:30 Pickle ball 8:30 Beginner Pickle ball 10:00 Yoga 12:00 "Pennies from Heaven" /Library
Hymn Sing 19 5 PM Library  Ice Cream Social 7 PM	20  1 PM	21	22	23	24	25	Thursday 8:30 Pickle ball 9:30 Water Exercise 6:30 Euchre
26	27	28	29	30	 Halloween Dance Taylor & Taylor 7 - 10 PM	31	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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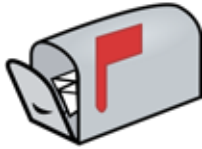
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FUN FACTS ABOUT OCTOBER

Deb Williams, Coordinator

1. **Birthstones:** October has two birthstones: opal and tourmaline, both known for their unique colors and properties.
2. **Zodiac Signs:** The zodiac signs for October are **Libra** (until October 22) and **Scorpio** (from October 23), representing balance and intensity, respectively.
3. **Notable Events:** Significant historical events include the laying of the cornerstone of the White House on October 13, 1792, and the first World Series baseball game played on October 1, 1903.
4. **Oktoberfest:** The famous beer festival, **Oktoberfest**, originated in Munich, Germany, and traditionally starts in late September and runs into October.
5. **National Awareness Months:** October is recognized as **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, promoting education and research for breast cancer.

AROUND THE CORNER

Lorelei Millet, Coordinator

October is here, with hopefully cooler temperatures and the return of many of our northern friends and neighbors. It is one of my favorite months as Chuck and I got married in October and will be celebrating our 51st Anniversary! Last month, we spent a week in Colorado visiting four National Parks and one National Monument. I know this column is about our area, but if you ever get a chance to go out there, do take the time. It is a beautiful area. You cannot look at some of those mountains and valleys without seeing the Hand of God in their beauty.

October also means the start-up of some of our regular area activities and hopefully some new adventures for all of us!

Some local favorites starting up in October are:

Bradenton Farmers Market, which is held every Saturday from 9 – 2, October through May. There are several blocks of vendors, including local produce, jewelry and crafts, baked goods, stone and pottery, as well as delicious food trucks. It is a great way to support local merchants. There is plenty of free parking at the 3rd Avenue garage.

Waypoint Artisan Market will be holding their monthly market on the 2nd Saturday of October and continuing through May. It is a small market, but they have a lot packed for everyone to enjoy. They also have live music, kid-friendly crafts, food, plants, and so much more. It is just the right size to walk around and perhaps visit with friends. The nice thing is, it is just a short drive north of us at 11000 US Hwy 41 N. Don't forget to visit those other times during the week as they have great food, friendly atmosphere, and entertainment every Monday night from 5 to 8.

The American Vintage Market will be at Robarts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, on October 10th and 11th. If you have never been to one of their markets, it is a great time to browse vintage items, antiques, home décor, artisan goodies, handcrafted and repurposed items, and so much more. I usually come away with not only items for myself but also to shop for those unique Christmas gifts. They have aisles and aisles of treasures!

General admission is \$8, and they also have group rates, so get a few friends together and go on a shopping adventure!

Imagine Museum in St. Petersburg will be offering a couple of FREE events during the month of October! Yes, I said FREE! On October 3rd from 5-9, they will have a Free Sunset Market: Twilight Treasures with Live Music by Kindling. An enchanting outdoor market under the stars, with costumes, glass art, and live marimba and violin music. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the St. Pete Free Clinic. You must secure your free ticket at www.eventbrite.com

On October 26th, starting at 10 am, the Imagine Museum will hold a Free Themed Car Show during Halloween on Central. Not only will you be able to view some great cars, but they will also have glass art demos, a costume contest, live music, and great food. You must get your free entrance ticket on their webpage at the above website. The address for Imagine Museum is 1901 Central Ave, St. Petersburg.

Hope you all have a great October, and we look forward to many great adventures Around the Corner!

Safe travels,
Lorelei Millet

1

OMG, have you heard the great news? Sewell's Plumbing Services is now doing A/C!



2

Really? That's great, but I have an A/C guy...



3

Well that's good, but I bet you're overpaying, and waiting forever for service. Me? I'm gonna stay "Cool like a Sewell" all summer long!



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Oct 1 Sean McGregor
Oct 4 Elaine Burchell
Oct 4 Robert Brown
Oct 5 Faith Abraham
Oct 7 Bob Autry
Oct 8 Greg Colton
Oct 8 Richard Huys
Oct 10 Jay Pinkley
Oct 11 Bob Moriarty
Oct 12 Kurt Hansen
Oct 12 Judy Hafner
Oct 12 Fran Baker-Boyle
Oct 13 Lon Simpson
Oct 14 Paul Atherton
Oct 15 Dave Magne
Oct 15 Lois Stannard
Oct 18 Sandy Maxham
Oct 20 Darryl Jirinec
Oct 20 Cindy King
Oct 22 Marianne Carrigan
Oct 24 Wendell Maxham
Oct 24 Ed Kay
Oct 28 Michelle Leeds
Oct 29 Fay Wells
Oct 30 Judith Marshall
Oct 31 Deb Williams



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 5	Chuck & Lore Millet	51 Years
Oct 10	Dave & Colleen Magne	
Oct 13	Gerald & Karen Psimer	
Oct 17	Van & Mary VanVleet	54 Years
Oct 18	Scott & Sharon Moulton	
Oct 31	Steve & Lorraine Baker	



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 – 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.
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.
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