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Gator Tales



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A Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Hello to all and a welcome back to our snowbirds who have returned so far. It is nice to see and welcome back our Canadian friends after a year of not being able to come across the border.

We will be collecting Dues for the upcoming year. The cost is still \$15.00 per household and are available from any board member or at the December General meeting. If you wish to vote in the upcoming election at the Annual meeting on January 18th, 2022, your dues must be paid by January 8th, 2022, ten days prior to the Annual Meeting to enable you to vote (per the current Bylaws).

Make sure you check out the Flyers in this issue on our upcoming events. We will be holding our House Decorating Contest, with the office providing Pizzas and Drinks. Your HOA will be providing Gift Cards for the top three entries voted on by you, the residents. We are also planning a New Year's Eve Dance and Meal. A buffet style dinner will be served at 7:00pm, with the Dance to follow from 8:30pm till 12:30am. We will be selling only 60 tickets, so get your tickets early, before they are all gone.

We have four (4) positions available for the Board of Directors. Anyone interested in running who has not yet come forward, please make sure you attend the December general meeting. You will all have an opportunity to speak at that meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. Please be safe in any travels over the Holiday season.

If you see me out, feel free to stop me with any suggestions, comments or just to say "Hi."

Jerry Sibila,
President



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Park Breakfast: Maria Combs 438-6643 / Karen Wilson 353-2275.

Memorial: Dona Rawson – 863-547-9326(Wreaths)

Dining Out:

NEWSLETTER

All newsletters can be viewed in color on the website @ www.floridacommunities.com (click on Lake Hammock @ bottom of page).

Just a reminder, any information for the Gator Tales needs to be submitted to me by the **20th** of each month. There is a red box outside my door, you can drop your stuff, or you can send it to the email below. If you need a flyer done, I need the information by the **15th** so I can do it and get it approved and back to me by the **20th**. If you have any questions about the Gator Tales, please contact Shelly Shaffer at 910-624-8925 or (shelly.shaffer81@yahoo.com). We are always looking for new ideas and way to improve our community paper.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Paint Classes

Just a reminder - our paint classes are back in full swing. They will be held the first Wednesday of every month at the clubhouse from 1:00 - 3:00. We try to have just 2 people per table to help with some social distancing and masks are requested for those who have not received their vaccine. The price is the same, \$20 per person with all supplies and instructions provided by our instructor, Sherri.

I try to post a reminder a few days before the event in our Facebook page but realize not everyone has Facebook. If you want to attend it's helpful to let me or Shelly know - just so we make sure Sherri has enough supplies. But please come even if you forget to let us know. We usually always have room. Come join us for some fun and visiting.

Joyce 330-323-2247

Shelly 910-624-8925

Diabetes Support Group Brainstorming Session

Goal: How to reduce your A1C
1st meeting –Wed. Jan 5th 7 PM
LHV Clubhouse

RSVP:

Maureen Hatfield – (617) 874-7755

Diabetes Daily Peer Mentor



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

1 st	Sharon Greenfield
5 th	Walter Hutchinson
	Dawn Karaszewski
7 th	Gordon Arsenalt
	Brin McDonald
12 th	Judy Loy
13 th	David Rawson
14 th	Ronald Davison
15 th	Jerry Cruz
16 th	David Carpenter
	Shelly Shaffer
17 th	Hollis Yocum
18 th	John Miller
	Sue Pickard
21 st	David Lennox
24 th	Earla Herring
25 th	Gordon Geigh
	Marilyn Smith
26 th	Maria Combs
28 th	Steve Pierce
	Wanda Stanley
	James Johnson
	Gary Smith
29 th	David Butcher
30 th	David Kelly
31 st	Greg Blackman



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY'S

17 th	Bill & Darlene Davis	29 yrs.
22 nd	Bill & Clarice Klepadlo	45 yrs.
	Dewy & Joan Mitchell	31 yrs.
31 st	Ronald & Sybil Davidson	???

(If any of the above information is incorrect, please let us know, Dona Rawson, Shelly Shaffer, Joyce Middleton.)



FOOD BANK

Psalm 41:1 Happy are those who are concerned for the poor; the Lord will help them when they are in trouble.

Thank you for your continued support of the food bank.

Collections are the first and third Friday of the month. Please bring your non-perishable items and toiletries to the club house. If you are unable to bring them yourself, please call or send a text and we will pick them up.

God bless you,
Sharyl and Dave Graham
603-915-1757

Collections are the first and third Friday of the month. Please bring your non-perishable items to the club house. God bless you,

Sharyl and Dave Graham

LIBRARY

We want to thank everyone for the books for our library.

Would like to ask that when you bring a book back, please leave them in the material basket. We would like to put them away.

The Librarians



End of October.

Chuck Koenig – Hospital - Home

November.

Glenda Grasso – Hospital – Home

Hacy Wright – Surgery - Home



Please call if you know of a resident that has been ill or hospitalized so that Carol can send Get Well cards.

Carol Gould
Sunshine Committee
863-422-5902



Joan Butler
101 Reineke Dr
Resident since 2009

Joan is from Clarkston, MI (near the Detroit area). Joan worked for Toshiba when she finished her education. She worked in accounts receivable and the credit department.

Joan was married in 1962 for 25 years to John Pender, they had 3 children. Debbie is the oldest and lives in NC, Tom the middle child lives in the Tampa area. The youngest daughter Kristi was 34 years old when she died of breast cancer. When she passed Dragon Fly's started appearing everywhere, a message that Kristi is still with her. Joan is also a breast cancer survivor. Joan's husband John Pender passed in 1987 with a heart attack. Joan has 4 grandchildren.

Joan met Jerry Butler at their 30th Class Reunion. Although they were in the same class, they didn't really know each other. She and Jerry married in 1993 and were married for 24 years, until Jerry's passing in 2017.

Joan and her husband Jerry first rented in Haines City. They saw a sign for Lake Hammock Village and drove through the village, everyone was nice/friendly. They decided to make LHV their winter home as "Snowbirds". Their first home was #55. Once they became full time residents and not wanting to maintain two homes, they moved to #210. Joan and Jerry then obtained a motor home and moved to 202 Glen Este Court. Joan now resides at 101.

Joan and Jerry loved traveling and toured Europe visiting many countries. They enjoyed the river cruises which Joan has many good memories. She and Jerry enjoyed their trip to Hawaii. They loved dancing and did so whenever they could. Laughter was constant when they were together.

She and Jerry adopted Dolly a shih Tzu in 2012 to complete their family. Jerry was also known as Lake Hammocks Mayor, anyone that knew him has a story to tell. Laughter followed everyone when Jerry was around.

Her son Tom graduated from Michigan State Therefore, she is a diehard Spartan Fan. She also likes the Detroit Tigers.

Joan enjoys playing games on her I-Pad. She also plays cards and Dominoes weekly with friends. In addition, she also enjoys attending musicals at the Winter Haven theatre. She still loves to dance and looking forward to any opportunity that involves dancing.

At one point she was very involved with "Relay for Life". Lake Hammock had a very active group that raised funds for the organization.

Joan in the past was an active swimmer. She recently bought a recumbent bike. You may see her riding with a group of other riders through the park.

Joan also started the "Lake Hammock Village Resident" Facebook page. She still is moderator of the site. If you have any questions take the time to stop and talk with her.

She is involved with her church, First Presbyterian Church of Haines City. She especially likes working in the nursery. Joan says she gets her "baby fix" volunteering on Sunday's.

Her bucket list is to visit the Scottish Isle. She would like to visit the area her family came from.





Tammy Wilson
Cindy Campbell
112 Reineke Street
Resident since August 1, 2021

Tammy and Cindy wanted to slow down their lifestyle. They decided to relocate to Florida from Tybee Island, Georgia, tired of the cold and ice in Georgia.

Cindy's brother located Lake Hammock Village and liked the community. He encouraged the girls to look at LHV. Tammy and Cindy like the size of the park, the lake, and the quietness of the community.

Tammy was raised on a farm in Franklin County Georgia. Cindy was raised in New Orleans Louisiana. Tammy and Cindy met while working together. The girls laugh at the difference of a city girl and a country girl, such as how vegetables grow! For one example Cindy didn't know that potatoes grew in the ground!

Tammy has a son and daughter, and she has two grandchildren. Cindy and Tammy also have their dog Snickers a 13-year-old dachshund who completes their family.

Tammy continues to work with her employer on Tybee Island from home. Her employer has beach rentals and retail stores. Cindy is an Uber Driver in the afternoon and also assists Shelly Shaffer with cleaning the office and clubhouse. Throughout her prior working career, she was a manager for 30 years in several retail establishments. Cindy is enjoying working less hours and enjoying the slow down in life. The community will see Cindy out and about often, but Tammy still puts in full days working.

They are continuing to make their new home theirs. Tammy and Cindy recently found that it was not necessary to have two cars. Now with one car they have room for the golf cart.

Tammy says she enjoys working from home but looking forward to the time she will get to enjoy the activities offered. Cindy is also looking forward to getting involved with Lake Hammock Village activities.

Cindy enjoys horses and had owned a quarter horse named Trooper Jane and a Tennessee Walker she named Dakota.

Tammy enjoys watching ice skating and loves the Olympics. She enjoys reading, they both love visiting our library at the clubhouse.

Tammy does not watch sports, where Cindy is a die-hard Saints fan. They are just now putting together a "Bucket List".

Their plans include to slow down life and see what it provides. Tammy and Cindy's motto for life is to "Live and Learn".



Hurricane Season Update:

Hurricane Season Ends!

Time to Relax, Enjoy the Holidays
& Start Planning for 2022

December 2021 – Gator Tales

by

Dave Graham for the HOA Emergency Preparedness Team

This article was written in mid-November to meet the Gator Tales deadline of the 20th for the December issue.

On behalf of our Team, let me wish everyone a happy, healthy, safe, and wonderful Holiday Season and the best in 2022!

By the time you read this, **Hurricane Season 2021** will be over.

Anyone who has lived through a hurricane or experienced anything close knows firsthand how incredibly lucky we have been this year. In fact, our luck goes back to 2018 after suffering a direct hit in 2017. As everyone our age knows: **Luck does not last forever!**

We cannot control the weather, but we can control some things to better prepare ourselves for the hurricane that will eventually find us. Recognizing this, in 2018 the HOA Board of Directors established an ongoing committee / TEAM to help provide information and assistance to all residents about emergency preparations for hurricanes and other types of emergency situations.

The Team has finished its work for 2021. The HOA is meeting regularly again, and it was wonderful to see the tremendous turnout in early November.

The Team will be asking to meet with the HOA Board to discuss the future of the **Emergency Preparedness Team**. Our members have lots of suggestions and ideas for the future. It will be up to the HOA Board to provide direction and organizational input. We hope that the Team will continue in 2022. It may be in a different form, depending on the HOA. We hope that you have found our work helpful over the past year. If so, or if you have suggestions, please mention them to a Board Member.

Finally, for now, I want to thank all the dedicated members of our Team and others who have worked tirelessly to help our neighbors and friends be better prepared. I am honored to have been a part of this Team in 2021.

Remember, All Team members are residents and volunteers working together to help each other.

2021 HOA Emergency Preparedness Team Members:

Gary & Deb Devore, Dona & David Rawson, Helen & David Hurr, Wanda & Art Stanley, Dan & Kathy Deuel, Matt Rice, Pam Leland, Shelly Shaffer, Jerry Sibila, Jerry Smith, Darlene & Bill Davis, Lori Johnsen, Brin & Bob McDonald, Joyce Middleton, Sharyl & Dave Graham.

2021 HARVEST DANCE



Veteran's Day Celebration



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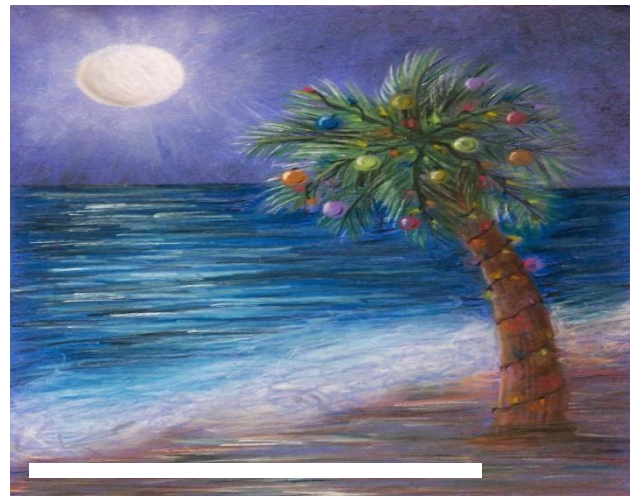
Palm trees sway,
are you listenin'?

In the pool, waters glistenin'.
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight,
Liven' in a Florida Wonderland!

Gone away is the blizzard,
Here to stay is the Lizard's,
A warm sunny day, we like it that way,
Livin' in a Florida Wonderland!

On the beach, we can have a picnic,
Turtles, sand, and seagulls in the sun!
Christmas dinner is an old tradition,

Shrimp and crab legs,
What could be more fun?
Later on, we'll be tasting,
Key Lime Pie that we're making,
A hammock to share,
The breeze in your hair,
Livin' in a Florida Wonderland!



Submitted by: Donna Rawson



Holiday Decorating Contest

Again this year, the HOA Board (and in conjunction with management) want to make this holiday season fun for all. So, consider participating by decorating your house as described below.

Prizes will be awarded from the HOA for 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place.

Every resident can place one vote for their choice of the best house decorations and that will take place on Saturday, December 18th at the clubhouse. Pizza and drinks will be provided by the management at noon – you can eat there – or you can take your pizza home. **Pizzas will arrive at noon. (A sign-up sheet for the Pizza will be available ONLY in the office) and you must sign up for the Pizza no later than Thursday, December 9th.**

- Decorate the outside of your house and have it ready for show by Friday, December 17th.
- Residents will help with judging by riding around and noting their favorites (be sure you go after dark as well to take in all the lights.)
- Ballots will be available for each resident to cast their vote for their favorite house – please pay attention to the lot # or name of your favorite.
- Winners do not need to be present – gift cards will be awarded to top three favorites and will be delivered by a member of the Board.
- **Everyone is invited for pizza (take out or eat-in) but remember you MUST sign up in the office prior to December 9th so Phil knows how many pizzas to purchase. (Each family will receive one large 2-topping pizza of their own.) If you are not signed up, you will not have a pizza.**
- There is no sign up for house decorating contest – if your house is decorated then you qualify for a vote or votes. Good Luck Everyone and Have Some Fun With It!!!!

So, join us all!!
Decorate for the Holiday
and enjoy a pizza and
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Pizza Party and Drinks

Provided by Management



Pizzas arrive at noon

Saturday, December 18th

*Vote for your favorite decorated house
and enjoy Pizza and Drinks*

You must sign up in the office

No later than Thursday, December 9th

If you're not signed up, you will not have a Pizza



COME CELEBRATE

"CHRISTMAS AT THE PAVILION"

DECEMBER 18TH, 2021

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LAKE ALFRED

Note a change of day and date

The 4th Wednesday

Due to scheduling at Tea Room

DECEMBER 22, 2021

Please meet at the clubhouse at 11:30

Questions or Cancellations

Contact Helen Hurr (814) 671 0789

The New Year Can't Come Soon Enough !!



I don't know about you, but for us this year can't leave us soon enough.

The HOA Board is in the process of making plans for the safest, New Year's Eve party that we can do.

- It will be held inside the clubhouse
- Tickets will be sold and will be capped at 60 people
- Dinner will be provided buffet style and served at 7:00 PM – doors open at 6:45 PM
- DJ Mike will play from 8:30 – 12:30
- Tickets will include: Dinner, DJ & dancing, coffee will be provided. BYOB or drinks
- Cost: \$25/couple \$15/single
- Ticket sales will begin December 1st and you must have a ticket to enter – **tickets will not be available at the door.**



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December 2021

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