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Message from the President.....

Recently, I have heard comments from some residents that “there is nothing to do here!” as well as, “this is not a friendly park!” So, I would like to address both comments. First, as to “there is nothing to do here!” I would suggest that all you need do, is check out the calendar that can be found in every issue of the “Gator Tales”! Our community offers everything from card games to dominoes and everything in between. We have 3 major dances throughout the year, normally with live music, and many other events designed to bring our community together. I would also like to point out that inside your “Notice of Annual Meeting” packet, was a questionnaire of what events or activities you would like to see. Of the 214 packets delivered, we only had 20 responses to this questionnaire. Therefore, if you are one of those making this comment, please let us know what you are looking for and we will make every attempt to see that it happens. In addition, HOA dues are a mere \$15/year which goes to support a variety of events, many which are offered free to our residents, yet out of 210 lots, we only have 101 that have paid their dues for 2023. In order for our community to be successful, it is necessary for everyone to participate, either through their dues or active participation.

As to the second comment, I believe that our residents make every effort to make friends with those who are new to the community. However, let me remind you that it takes effort on everybody’s part to express friendliness and kindness to each other, a goal we should all strive for. I understand that many residents are content with being left alone and not interacting with others, and that’s ok, but when you see someone wave or say, “Good Morning”, it doesn’t hurt to respond.

I would also like to give a big “Thank You!” to Jerry Smith for his generous donation of an AED machine to our community. The machine is located inside the clubhouse and you will also soon find a telephone in the box along with the AED. The phone is to be used only for “911” emergency calls. “Thank you”! also to the owners of our community for their generous donation to purchase new pads, the mounting box, new batteries, and the emergency telephone.

Finally, I would like to remind you that there will be no more Board Meetings or HOA General Membership Meetings until September 5th and 12th respectively. With that, have a wonderful and safe summer!

UPDATE: New pads for the AED Machine are currently on backorder and as such we will not place the machine until they are replaced. Thank You!

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Birthdays/Anniversaries- Dona Rawson (863)547-9326 - Sharyl Graham (603)915-1757
Audrey Gioiosa (708)516-9584

Activities/Entertainment: Pat Gagne
(603)340-4734

Ladies' Lunches: Marie Combs 438-6643

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

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 Gator Tales needs to be submitted to me by the 20th of each month. There is a blue box outside my door, you can drop your stuff, or you can send it to the email below. All emails **MUST BE in WORD DOCUMENT. DO NOT SEND AS PDF, it will not be added to the paper.** 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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BINGO

NEW HOURS

Start 6:00 pm
Stop Selling: 5:45 pm
Doors Open: 4:30 pm

Hotdogs, Specialty Sandwiches, and homemade desserts.

Don't cook on Monday night, let **us do the cooking for you.**

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 it in the material basket. We would like to put them away.

Thank You,
The Librarians

S.W.I.M. Club

Swim Club Meeting: **CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Jeanne Blicher 203-915-1357

Grandma's Attic:

Chuck Presby 38 Sargent St with Penny Rosseter and their pet Sassy.
Phone # 386-402-2409.

All donated and returned medical devices are to be left with Chuck at 38 Sargent St.
Thank you for all your donations over the years.
Remember to return them Clean

Poker anyone??

Poker started January 21, 2023

If interested, please call: Carmine Gioiosa
(708) 516-9584

Welcome Committee

All new residents are invited to attend the new "Welcome New Residents Meeting", to be held the second Thursday of every month at 2 p.m. in the clubhouse (check your calendar). All your questions regarding your new community will be answered. Upcoming events, recurring activities, how to get involved, familiarization with your HOA and many other questions you might be concerned with, will be answered.

Hope to see you there! For additional information, please contact **Marilyn Smith at (863)421-1018**

Thank you for your cards, condolences, thoughts and hugs for my big brother and only sibling, Lee Rhoades who passed away peacefully on April 11. It has been a stressful time, but the people here are so helpful and understanding that some of that stress was removed.

Thank you again, Karen Patelunas and family.



MAY'S BIRTHDAY'S

1 st	Richard Gould Jim Townsend
2 nd	Ralph Fish
3 rd	Hacy Wright
5 th	Cindy Campbell
6 th	Mike Siekiera
7 th	Peter Morlock Brenda Martell
8 th	Audrey Gioiosa
11 th	Dicla Godfrey
12 th	Pete Howerton
13 th	Teresa Cross
14 th	Debra Kemp
15 th	Marsha Morlock
16 th	Glen Loy
17 th	Viola Munford Penny Rosetter
19 th	Leon Martin
21 st	Sonja McLeod
23 rd	Teresa Bellrose Robert Cartwright
24 th	Perry Wolfe Bill Cook
25 th	Bill Rizzuto Mary Van Hauton
26 th	Tammy Wilson
29 th	Bill Larmon
30 th	Bill Lyon

MAY'S ANNIVERSARY

4 th	Chuck & Terry Hofer
6 th	Paul & Georgette Chadwick Don & Sandy Nolan
12 th	Andy & Nancy Belski
17 th	Jerry & Terri Cruz
19 th	Antonio (Tony) Matos & Wanda Soto
20 th	John & Debbie Stamps
26 th	David & Sue Smith
27 th	Leon & Linda Martin

(If you are a new resident, please feel free to contact Dona Rawson with your birthdays and anniversaries so she can put you on her list and if any of the above information is incorrect, please let **Dona Rawson know 863-547-9326**)

Food Bank

"We have been given, so we might give"

Author unknown

Non-perishable items can be left in the clubhouse at any time. You can find the bin in the back room. The food is delivered on the first and third Friday of every month. If you are unable to bring your donations to the clubhouse yourself, please call or send a text and we will pick them up.

Thank you for your support!

Sharyl and Dave Graham

603-915-1757

Birthday and Anniversary Celebration

We will celebrate May and June birthdays and anniversaries on Sunday, June 4th at 6:30pm at the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to join us for cake and ice cream. We were so pleased with the April turnout; we are hoping to see all of you again! We will play "I Spy" and have gift certificates for the winning birthday and anniversary celebrants. Our lawn ornament, Kevin, will be shared over the next two months for those who choose to participate in the "meet your neighbor" activity. Come and join the fun!

C & D Bus Tours for 2023

Informational brochures are available in the clubhouse where the sign-up sheets are.

Diabetes Support Group:

Brainstorming Session #9

Topic: Stress

Wednesday, May 3rd, 7 pm - Clubhouse

New Members Always Welcome

For more info- Maureen Hatfield

617-874-775



Tom Godfrey – Hospital – Home

Chuck Kemp – Surgery – Home

Rita Clapp – Hospital – Home

Merrill Davis – Hospital

Chuck Koenig - Hospital



Lee Rhodes Family – Karen Patelunas (sister)

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

Carol Gould

863-422-5902



Now Is the Time! Start Preparing for Hurricane Season

by
HOA Emergency Preparedness Team
Article for the May 2023 edition of Gator Tales

Hurricane Season starts on June 1st. **However.....you don't have to wait till the season is here! In fact, the Team recommends that you start NOW.**

National Hurricane Preparedness Week is April 30 to May 6. See the NOAA Flyer on our Bulletin Board at the clubhouse. This refers you to the NOAA website where you can find lots of helpful information regarding hurricane preparedness and safety. Items such as batteries, peanut butter, tuna fish, and other non-perishable goods are plentiful now. However, as hurricane season begins, people start buying such items and supplies may not be easy to find.

The Polk County Emergency Operations Center recommends that you prepare a '**7 Day Emergency Kit**' in case electricity goes out by purchasing batteries, water, non-perishable items and other necessities. Again, now is the time to begin planning. Our Team members can guide you to more information about this.

The Team met on April 20th to discuss the upcoming hurricane season. The Team adopted the same 'Zone Plan' used in 2022. We are currently working on zone coverages and will have information in the near future.

We hope you will attend our **Hurricane Season Open House** on **Wednesday, June 1st from Noon to 4:00PM at the clubhouse.** (See Flyer in this issue) This is for everyone, whether you are a Snowbird or full-time resident. We hope you will come. Light refreshments will be available.

This is an opportunity to:

- * Listen to our speakers and enjoy our exhibits
- * Meet Team Members in an informal setting
- * Learn about the LHV HOA Hurricane Coverage Zones
- * Talk with the Zone Coordinator(s) for your area
- * Ask questions to Team Members
- * Learn about the resources available to all residents – written materials and other information
- * Learn about the Polk County Special Needs Program and how it may apply to you. If interested, Team Members can assist you in the registration process which just takes a few minutes
- * Learn how planning ahead and being prepared can maximize your safety in the event of a sudden storm
- * Learn about factors to consider in making a decision regarding evacuation – leaving before a hurricane hits – what to consider, etc.
- * Learn what other information may be available.

There is lots going on and we invite anyone interested to join our group. We thank the HOA Board for its support.

If you have any questions, need information or have ideas or concerns, you can contact Team Member or Dave Graham at (603) 915-1368 (phone or text), e-mail davemg1@outlook.com

The HOA Emergency Preparedness Team Presents:

Hurricane Season Open House

Wednesday, June 1st

Noon to 4:00PM at the LHV Clubhouse



Please join us for our Hurricane Preparedness Program beginning with our guest Speaker at Noon, followed by a light lunch and additional activities and speakers through the afternoon

This informal information session is for everyone, whether you are a Snowbird or full-time resident. We hope you will attend. No registration is required.

This is an opportunity to meet Team Members, learn more about the plans for 2023, ask questions, enjoy our exhibits, and learn more about hurricane preparation from our Guest Speakers

Noon – 1:00PM	Jerri Kaplan, Speaker Polk County Emergency Management
1:00PM:	Light Lunch
2:00PM – 4:00PM	Additional Speakers, Demonstrations, Team Questions & Answers, Panel Discussion, & More

For information, contact Dave Graham at (603) 915-1368 call/text or e-mail davemg1@outlook.com

2023 Emergency Preparedness Team Members:

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



Carol Collins
59 Sargent St

Residents since November 2022

Carol had four children; one child passed at age 17 with "Spina Bifida". She has two sons still living in IL, and one daughter living here in FL. Carol has a total of six grandchildren, two of which live in FL and 10 great grandchildren. Carol has not been married for Forty years nor does she want to marry again. She was raised in Elgin, IL.

Carol worked at General Mills for 24 years. She worked creating 5,000 lbs. "Pillsbury cake mixes", three times a day. Carol said that she still eats "Cheerios" but stays away from "Lucky Charms" stating that they were not easy to process. In 1979 Carol was the third female hired in the "man's world"!

After Carol retired from General Mills, she worked at a flower shop. Working there she was able to use her decorating skills.

Carol followed family to FL, her daughter with two of her granddaughters built a new home in Haines City. She was living in DeKalb, IL when she moved to FL. Carol wanted a small community. She located to Lake Hammock Village and made it her new home. She is very happy living here and loves her home. She can assist her daughter with the grandchildren if needed.

Carol follows the Chicago Cubs and does not follow any other teams. Her hobbies include reading, flower arranging, and any type of crafting. Her favorite activity is quilting. She has several quilts and different patterns to display. She also enjoys coloring, and you can see samples around her home. Carol also loves spending time with family.

This summer she will return to IL and spend time with her sister and other family. Carol will wait for the weather to warm up before the trip. Carol said you can't beat the FL weather.

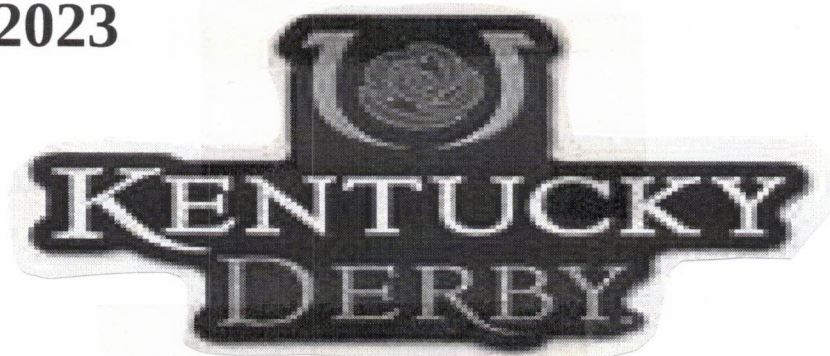
Carol describes herself as plain and from "The Good Ole Days". She states she is easy-going and would love for residents to stop and talk for a while.

Carol would like to get involved with the entertainment committee; she loves to decorate. Her other interest is cooking and would like to help with the food at various events. She also loves Bingo and meeting fellow residents.

Make sure you say hello and stop by to talk.



**SATURDAY,
MAY 6, 2023**



**NOON – LUNCH
POST TIME: 12:30**

paid HOA members \$5 / non-members \$7
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PICNIC TO FOLLOW @ 12:00 PM (PAVILION)

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TIME: 2:15 UNTIL???

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MAY 1ST - MAY 15TH OR CALL 732-546-2304 (ALICE)



Easter Spring Fling 2023

In your Easter Bonnet



Some Bunny decorated
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Happy Easter!

And the Winners are!



Jeanne Blicher #1



Connie Moran #2



Carol Collins #3



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Julie Camp
113 Reineke

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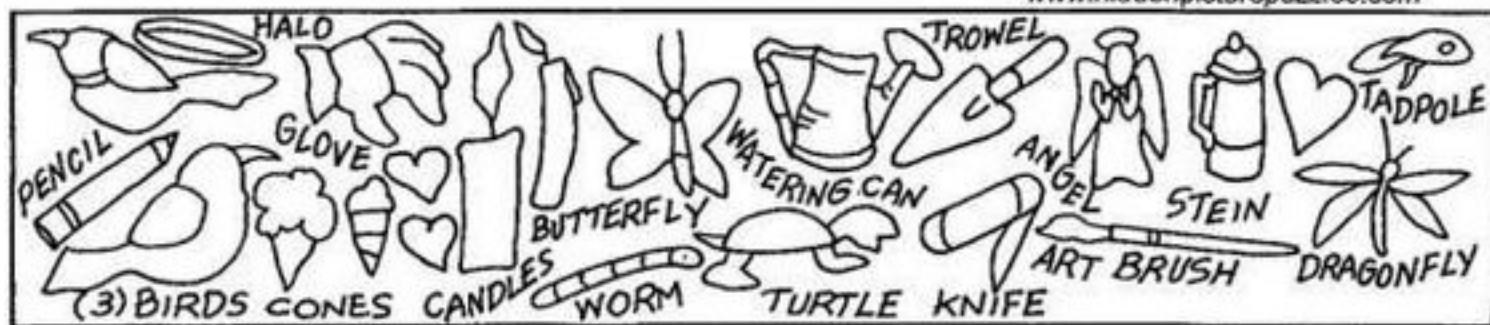
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