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July 2023

## Gator Tales



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### Message From the President.....

As of June 1, the long awaited AED machine and Emergency Telephone are in place and activated inside the clubhouse. A huge "Thank You" to Jerry Smith for supplying the AED machine, installing the pads, installing the telephone,

and verifying that everything is working properly. I also want to thank the LHV owners and management, as well as the HOA Board of Directors for their support and assistance with financial support.

The Mosquito Magnet is back up and running. It seems that the circuit board and battery relay were bad and needed to be replaced. It is now working as it should, so we are ready to enjoy summer evenings without mosquitos under the Pavilion. Just as a reminder, the machine **does not** emit any harmful or toxic vapors so please do not attempt to turn off or adjust it in any way.

As we enter July, we will be entering the second month of the 2023 Hurricane season. I encourage you to be diligent, build your supply of drinking water, pay close attention to the information supplied by your Emergency Preparedness Team, and be ready to act should the need occur.

Finally, don't forget the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration at the Pavilion to be hosted by LHV Management. There will be plenty of food, drinks, music and good times.

Enjoy your summer!

Clark

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#### 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 **20**<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>MUST BE</u> in <u>WORD</u> <u>DOCUMENT</u>. <u>DO NOT SEND AS PDF, it will not be added to</u> <u>the paper</u>. 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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### 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<u>us do the cooking for</u> 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 Blicker 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

#### 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 **Millie Curry (315) 854-6248** 



### JULY BIRTHDAY'S

1<sup>st</sup> Bob McDonald

Art Stanley

- 4<sup>th</sup> Bonnie Fisher Deb Suekiera
- 5<sup>th</sup> Toni Fish
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dan Deuel Rex Lingruen Beth Thompson
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dale Fierge Jerry Gonzalez Helen Hurr
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dona Rawson
- 16<sup>th</sup> Gloria Bitner Tim Stump
- 20<sup>th</sup> Jimmy Rodriquez Frank McCormack
- 21<sup>st</sup> Debbie Bialecki
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Terry Hofer
- 24<sup>th</sup> Kimberly Ammon Jo Chaney
- 30<sup>th</sup> Glenda Grasso
- 31<sup>st</sup> Norm Brake



### JULY ANNIVERSARY

- 1<sup>st</sup> Calvin & Dawn Maluchnick
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter & Marsha Morlock
- 10<sup>th</sup> Jim & Millie Currey
- 15<sup>th</sup> Norm & Jan Baczkiewicz
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Mark & Stacy Anthis
- 25<sup>th</sup> Greg & Beth Hintsala
- 27<sup>th</sup> Don & Shirley Hinds

(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 now 863-547-9326)** 

### Food Bank "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

Dr. Loretta Scott

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 July and August birthdays and anniversaries on Sunday, August 6th at 6:30pm at the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to join us for cake and ice cream. We will have a fun game and 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:**

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP WILL RESUME ON THE FIRST WED .IN SEPT. -6th- 7pm at the.clubhouse. Thank you so much -everyone for helping each other. We always welcome new members throughout the year. Our topic calendar will be in the August Gator Tales

.For more info. -

Please call Maureen Hatfield at 617-874-7755, 147 Glen Este.



Jerry Sibila – Hospital – Home



Family of Mary VanHouten Wonderful turnout for Mary to show her family how much she meant to us.

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

### **Our Beloved Pets: Over the Rainbow Bridge**



Preparing for Hurricane Season 2023 Month Two: July



### Now is The Time to Plan

by

The HOA Emergency Preparedness Team / July 2023 Gator Tales

The 'Hurricane Clock' is ticking. We are already heading into Month Two of Hurricane Season. Historically, peak season comes later, usually between August and October. However, dealing with Mother Nature, anything is possible – as we learned last year when we had a November storm.

So, as we enter Month Two, we ask residents: **ARE YOU READY IF A STORM CAME YOUR WAY TOMORROW?** 

The answer for most of us is **NO!** We all need to think about this and start to take things seriously. We cannot control the weather, but there are things we can do to prepare for hurricane season and **NOW** is the time you should be planning for the inevitable storm. There is help available to you if you want it. **The HOA Emergency Preparedness Team** is available to help. Just ask any Team Member. The goals of the Team are <u>to help each other, to keep our</u> <u>residents safe, and to try to assist everyone to be better prepared in times of hurricane or other emergencies.</u> Remember, Team members are all residents and volunteers, and we can all work together to keep each other safe!

On June 1<sup>st</sup> the HOA Emergency Preparedness Team held its **Second Annual Hurricane Preparedness Open House** event at the Clubhouse. The Team gathered a tremendous amount of hurricane related information for residents. Everyone who attended received a comprehensive '**Hurricane Information Packet**.' The event was publicized and promoted. Four organizations were present to provide assistance or answer questions. Jerri Kaplan of the Polk County Emergency Management office gave a great presentation with a video. Many Team Members were present. A lunch was provided by the HOA.

## Yet only 54 residents attended! Many of these were husband & wife couples, and many were Team members. We appreciate and thank everyone who was there.

Those who attended were very pleased with the opportunity to obtain information and hear from knowledgeable speakers. We understand that our **'Snowbirds'** are not here. Others were away on vacation. Some do not wish to be bothered at all. Others feel they don't need help and plan to do things alone. Some do not worry about the weather until a hurricane is coming and plan to deal with it then. There are many reasons for the low turnout. However, there are still lots of residents who could have benefitted from the information provided. For those residents who did not attend, you missed a good opportunity.

The Emergency Preparedness Team is a resource for you. We provide information and support. You make your own decisions. We understand that some choose to do things on their own. That is their choice. The Team met on June 15<sup>th</sup> and continues to meet monthly. The Team will be distributing **'Hurricane Information Packets'** to residents who are here but did not attend the June 1 event.

In last month's **Gator Tales**, we included a **Zone Map**. As most of you know, the Team has broken LHV up into eight zones for the purpose of hurricane planning. The idea is that each Zone will have at least two volunteers to work in that zone. For this plan to work properly, we must have enough volunteers. At present we have a number of dedicated individuals in each zone but need more help in this area. At present, our volunteers are able to answer questions and provide information. Remember, many are also involved in other activities at LHV, and there are time constraints to consider. In short, their time is limited. So, we will do our best to help but need more people in each zone.

According to Team Coordinator Dave Graham, "Since the Open House I haven't had any calls for information or any new volunteers. We have provided information packets to the **Welcome Committee** for new residents. Hopefully, by the end of June, all residents will have received '**Hurricane Information Packets**.' I hope everyone will continue preparing for hurricane season. There are resources available, and it is up to each person to take advantage if they wish. The Team is there for those who need it. We will continue our reminders in our monthly Gator Tales article and through our clubhouse Bulletin Board. We will also post information on Facebook as time goes on."

The Team thanks LHV Manager Phil Nespeca for his assistance in copying hundreds of flyers and documents for our '**Hurricane Information Packets.**' We appreciate this very much. We also thank the HOA for its ongoing support, and our thanks to all of you who helped make our Open House a success!

> Team contacts information: call or text Dave Graham at (603) 915-1368 or <u>davemg1@outlook.com</u> or contact any of our members.



Come celebrate the:

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Where: Lake Hammock Village Clubhouse When: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

HOSTED BY: LAKE HAMMOCK VILLAGE MANAGEMENT

**Featuring:** Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cake and Ice Cream. Sodas, Water, Beer and Wine will be provided.



A SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE POSTED IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON JUNE  $6^{TH}$ UNTIL THE  $24^{TH}$  OF JUNE. PLEASE BE SURE AND SIGN UP DURING THIS TIME SO THAT WE CAN HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT OF THOSE ATTENDING.



For those who were unable to attend the CPR / AED training event in April, we will be conducting a short (38 minute) Phillips video training session on our newly installed AED. This will also demonstrate basic CPR procedures. This training session will be conducted on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 11am in the clubhouse. This basic training will give you the knowledge to possibly save a life.

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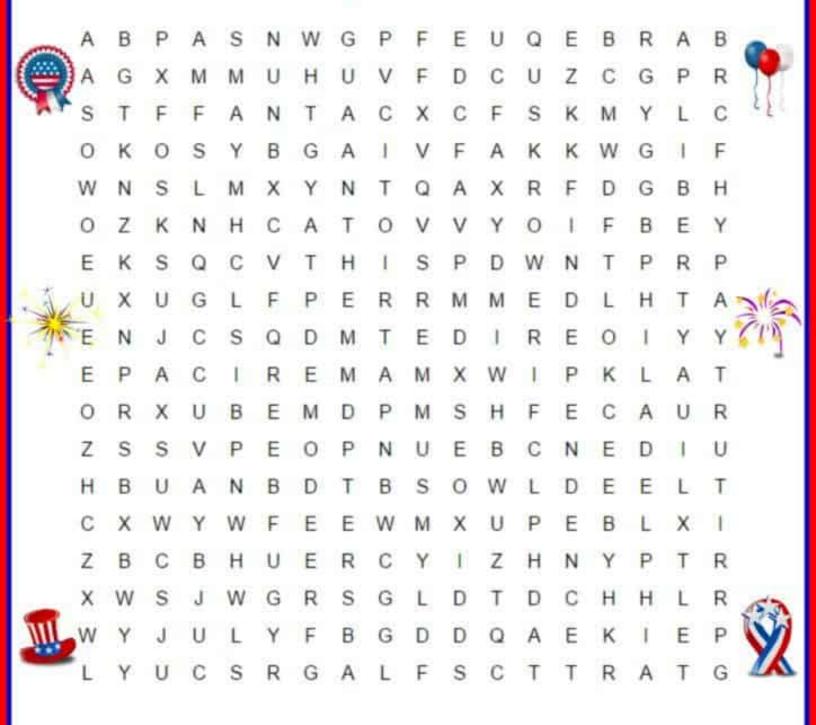


### AS I GET OLDER, I REALIZE:

- 1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
- 2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
- 3. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.
- 4. My people skills are just fine, it's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
- 5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- 6. When I was a child, I thought nap time was a punishment, now it's like a mini vacation.
- 7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
- **8.** Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
- **9.** Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes: come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
- **10.** "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.

Submitted by: Ruth Ives





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