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"The Park with a Heart"



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## Gator Tales



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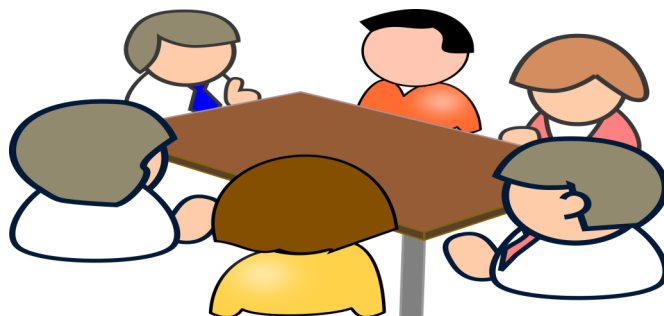
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## ***Message From the President.....***

Hello everyone, Spring has officially arrived @11:06 pm March 19, 2024, and summer will soon be on its way. Snowbirds will be heading out soon, myself included for summer in other states. I suggest that all snowbirds attend the Emergency Preparedness Team session “Preparing Your Home Before You Leave” get a snowbird checklist and some helpful tips before you go on April 10, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. All residents are invited.

The Resident Improvement Fund has purchased the following items: a new Bunn coffee maker, eight resin folding picnic tables and two outdoor patio heaters. These items should be in place by April 1, 2024.

I hope that everyone who attended the St. Patrick’s Day dinner last month enjoyed the food. The music and sing-along by Ben Kuslikis provided a fun time along with the green beer and Jameson whiskey.

The vendor fair on March 20<sup>th</sup> was very informative. I hope you took advantage of this great annual event. Thank you to Joyce Middleton for all your work putting this together.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made these events, and all the weekly and monthly activities a huge success.

See you at the April 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting. There are no meetings during the months of May through August. Board meetings will resume in September.

Ciao for Now!



All Residents:

Again, we have an issue with pet owners not leashing their dogs and letting them run unattended.

We are tired of talking about this. Please keep your pets leashed and pick up after them.

LHV, Management



## **NEWSLETTER**

Just a reminder, any information for Gator Tales needs to be submitted to me by the **20<sup>th</sup>** of each month, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. There is a blue/gray box outside my door in the RV port, you can drop your stuff, or you can send it to the email [LHVGatorTales@outlook.com](mailto:LHVGatorTales@outlook.com). Please submit emails in **WORD DOCUMENT**. If you need assistance with your submissions or have any questions about Gator Tales, please contact Millie Currey at 315-854-6248 or send an email. We are always looking for new ideas and ways to improve our community paper.

## **ACTIVITIES CHAIRS**

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Sharyl Graham (603) 915-1757

Audrey Gioiosa (708) 906-9817

### **Diabetes Support Group:**

Maureen Hatfield (617) 874-7755

### **Ladies' Lunches:**

Maria Combs (863) 438-6643

## **BINGO HOURS**

Doors Open: 4:30 pm for food service.

Selling paper: 5:15-5:45 pm

Start playing: 6:00 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. We would like to ask that when you bring a book back, please leave it in the material basket. We would like to reshelve them ourselves.

Thank You,  
The Librarians

## **FOOD BANK**

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." – Proverbs 22:9

The food will be delivered on the first and third Tuesday or Wednesday of each month. St. Vincent De Paul Charities sends its gratitude and love to our community.

Non-perishable items and toiletries can be dropped off in the back room of the clubhouse. If you would like us to pick up items at your home please call and we would be happy to do that.

Dave and Sharyl Graham

603-915-1757

## **Grandma's Attic**

All donated and returned medical devices are to be left with Chuck Presby, 38 Sargent St. (386-402-2409). Please return all borrowed items CLEAN. Thank you for all your donations over the years.

## **C & D Bus Tours for 2024**

See new flyer in following pages.





Jan Howerton—fell--home

Please call if you know of a resident that has been ill or hospitalized so that Carol can send cards. This is the only way she knows who to send them to. Carol Gould 863-422-5902



Our Beloved Pets: Over the Rainbow Bridge

## Welcome to the Neighborhood!



Clotide Torres—40 Sargent Street

Francisco Montes & Rosa Brandi—115 Silver Crest Drive

Elizabeth Seelenbrandt—155 Glen Este Court

Mae Robertson—32 Silver Crest Drive



Carol Radden

Angel Luis & Daisy Orta



### April Birthdays

5<sup>th</sup> John Bialy

8<sup>th</sup> Robert Baughman

9<sup>th</sup> Nanci Emery

10<sup>th</sup> Mark Beaurain  
Valerie Trejo Stanley

12<sup>th</sup> Greg Hintsala  
Calvin Maluchnick  
Bob Sharples

13<sup>th</sup> Tom Godfrey  
Carolyn Pleuss  
Shirley Smith

16<sup>th</sup> Mary Ackerson  
Patti Keller

17<sup>th</sup> Sandy Blackman  
Linda Carpenter

18<sup>th</sup> Terry Karaszewski

21<sup>st</sup> Donna Weber

23<sup>rd</sup> Raquel Roman

24<sup>th</sup> Phillip Dack

27<sup>th</sup> David Graham

29<sup>th</sup> Karen Neugebuer

30<sup>th</sup> Elaine Abair



### April Anniversaries

15<sup>th</sup> John & Linda Bialy

18<sup>th</sup> Glen & Joy Loy

20<sup>th</sup> Tim & Terri Stump  
Bruce & Brenda Martell

### **Birthday / Anniversary Celebration**

We will celebrate March and April birthdays and anniversaries on **Sunday, April 7th at 5:30pm** at the clubhouse. **TWO GIFT CARDS** will be awarded for March and April birthdays and **TWO GIFT CARDS** will be awarded for March and April anniversaries. Seating may be prearranged when you arrive. **All residents are welcome** to attend for games, cake and ice cream.

A NEW IDEA has been presented--- Volunteers are welcome to take on this event to add extra months to the regular 6 Celebrations Dona, Sharyl and Audrey G. are taking on in 2024.

Maria Combs has reserved December 2024. She celebrates her birthday in December and wants to sponsor the event.

Please contact Dona Rawson for more information and clarification. (Home 863-547-9326) Come and join the fun!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS and NOTICES**

### **Bingo Food**

Always looking for volunteers to help with Bingo food and to bake desserts. If interested, call Art Stanley 863353-2690.

### **Book Club**

Our book for April is Tara Road by Maeve Binchy. We will meet on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00. Hopefully at April's meeting we will have a completed list of books for the upcoming year.

### **Diabetes Group**

DIABETES Brainstorming session: Government : updates on Diabetic Issues  
WED. APRIL 3rd 7PM !! CLUBHOUSE  
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME  
FOR INFO. MAUREEN HATFIELD  
617-874-7755

### **April 6: Golf Cart Poker Run**

Hosted by Wanda Stanley

### **APRIL 7: MEMORIAL FOR GERARDO "JERRY" CRUZ HAS BEEN POSTPONED**

The family has had to postpone this event until the Fall.

### **April 10: Special Meeting for Snowbirds and New Residents**

1PM to 3PM Hosted by Hurricane Prep Committee

### **April 13: Spring Fling**

Hosted by the HOA Board

### **April 24: Movie Night Grand Opening**

Hosted by Gloria Lupo and Lisa & Dawn Karaszewski

### **May 4: Kentucky Derby**

Hosted by Wanda Stanley

### **May 5: Cinco de Mayo**

May 5 Hosted by Jan Bacziewicz

### **May 8: Game Night to begin**

Hosted by Gloria Lupo and Lisa & Dawn Karaszewski

### **May 27: Memorial Day**

May 27 Hosted by Clark & Joice Smith

### **June Open House, around June 5<sup>th</sup>, the start of Hurricane Season.**

Hosted by Hurricane Prep Committee

# Volunteer Corner



up coming events that could use  
your help

April 6 -Golf Cart Poker Run -Wanda Stanley

April 13 - Spring Fling - HOA Board

May 4 - Kentucky Derby - Wanda Stanley

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo -Jan Baczekiewicz

May 27 - Memorial Day - HOA Board



## **SPOTLIGHT ON THE CITIZEN'S ASSISTED PATROL (a/k/a CAP)**

***Would you like to make a difference? Here's how!***

Join CAP for Lake Hammock Village!

Help keep your community safe.

Did you know there were over 35,000 patrols in Polk County in 2023, primarily in residential parks like Lake Hammock Village, consisting of approximately 113,140 volunteer hours? How do we know that it's enough? Do we wait for something to happen?

More patrol volunteers are needed.

Although this is a serious undertaking, it can also be a very rewarding one.

What can you do if you notice your neighbor's newspaper is still in the driveway and it's after 12 noon? Did you happen to notice the person in the hoodie climbing over the fence? Is there a strange vehicle at the lake? Might these instances be something that needs to be reported? You simply make a phone call and leave things to the pros.

***OBSERVE & REPORT!***

### ***How do you volunteer?***

Be prepared to pass a background check and once cleared, attend training to learn the manual. This requires 7 hours of your time. Once completed, you can join the patrol. Please contact Bob McDonald, Coordinator, or David Rawson, Assistant Coordinator, for further information. Their contact information is in the LHV Directory.

**Special thanks for those who have participated in the past! Your help was most appreciated!**

**NOTE: Some residents have already passed the background check and have even done the training. It would be terrific for you to contact Bob or David so you can get started in increasing the patrols.**



*Bob McDonald, Coordinator*



Phillip (Phil) and Martha Dack

87 Reineke Road

Residents since May 2023



Phil and Martha were married September 9, 2021. They met on a dating website “Zoosk”. Phil and Martha were married after both spouses passed. They were married at an English Inn. The location was originally owned by Ransom E. Olds, the founder of the “Oldsmobile”.

Phil and Martha previously stayed at Casa Del Sol and Sun City Center. Residents James and Connie Moran, longtime friends, introduced them to Lake Hammock Village. They had visited the Moran’s and enjoyed the community.

Phil and Martha liked 87 Reineke and immediately knew that was their home. Martha has enjoyed getting their home in order and has completed beautiful outside landscaping. They have another member of their family, Mia, their 2-year-old Cavalier Bichon.

Phil and Martha are “snowbirds” coming from Pleasant Lake, MI. Phil was employed by General Motors for 36 & ½ years. He did machine and tool work. Phil was drafted in to the Army (1960 – 1962). Phil’s duties were to patrol the Berlin Wall as part of the reconnaissance operation.

Martha did office work for many years, later found her calling in the health care field. Health Care completed her working years.

Between Phil and Martha, have three children and six grandchildren. Phil’s one daughter lives in New Port Richey. The other children still live in Michigan.

Phil’s hobbies include fishing, bowling, and golf. They both enjoy dancing including square and round dancing, but it is difficult to find “callers”. They also like playing cards and other games. They currently play CLR and Euchre at the clubhouse. Phil and Martha enjoyed all the parties they attended. They hold a Bible study from their church at their home once a week.

Phil and Marthas favorite sports team include Detroit Lions, Detroit Tigers, and Michigan State.

They have enjoyed meeting the residents of Lake Hammock Village and say everyone has been friendly.



# CARRIE and CHLOE

By Linda Casinover



**Carrie**



**Chloe**

Beautiful Carrie is a Black Mouth Cur dog breed who was born in 2019 and weighed 24 lbs. when she was adopted in 2021 from the SPCA in Lakeland. Initially, her humans were disappointed when they went to adopt a particular dog and were told they were too late. Instead of leaving the kennel, they decided to look around at the other dogs and soon saw one that caught their attention. When her now human Richard put his hand in her cage, she licked it without hesitation. Carrie just chose her forever home!

Nobody seems to know exactly where this mixed breed came from, but they were likely developed to be multi-purpose working/hunting dogs as they excel at farm tasks and are easy to train. They are a mixed breed (cur) and are considered “inferior”, which is hard to understand once you meet one. They are lean, muscular and their legs are relatively long.

Carrie has a lot of energy. She loves to run alongside the golf cart on her twice daily (at a minimum) ride through the trails to the lake and back. Thankfully she is on a long leash as instinct takes over and she wants to run after any little creature she sees on her journey.

The only time that this reporter has seen her go “ballistic” is when her humans attempt to turn on the living room fan. Carrie jumps all over the place until she is convinced the fan is not going on, all the while smiling and wagging her tail. She is even more adorable with her ears folded over.

During Carrie’s downtime, she can be seen seeking a treat or carrying around her favorite toy or happily chewing on her over-sized Nylabone.

Now for Calico Chloe. This gorgeous feline was adopted about a year ago when one of the residents in the park passed away. She is so beautiful to look at and is about 10 years old.

At first, she was understandable upset and constantly on the defensive. Her human Marian, anxious to love her, was repeatedly scratched. Marian ultimately landed at the doctor’s office due to her infected wounds. Not wanting to give up on Chloe, she continued to be patient. After lots of love, Chloe’s humans have been accepted. However, Chloe WAS and IS NOT happy with Carrie who only wants to play with her. Chloe just prefers to play with her little cat toys instead.

When Chloe is relaxing and avoiding Carrie, she can be seen lounging on the back of the couch or on one of the arm rests of the chair. She is a terrific addition to this family!

This reporter has noticed that Carrie and Chloe love their home, but at the end of the day, each cuddled up with their favorite human. I’ll leave you to guess who they are.

Carrie and Chloe live with their humans, Marian and Richard Spiegel of 84 Reineke Way.



**Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Hosted by Wanda Stanley**

**Refreshments will be served. BYOB**

**Rules: No motorized vehicles; golf carts & passengers, bicycles, tricycles, scooters and walkers only.**

**Meet at the Club House at 4 PM to receive your poker hand score sheet and DRAW YOUR FIRST CARD.**

**Everyone will then take off to the FIVE stops to draw a card and record results on score sheet.**

**After completing all FIVE stops, return to clubhouse between 5 & 6PM to DRAW FINAL CARD. All score sheets will be tallied at 6PM, prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and last will be awarded.**

**COST IS \$5.00 PER POKER RUN SCORE SHEET.**

**ALL MONEY WILL BE AWARDED IN CASH PAYOUTS**

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**Attention!**

# **Snowbirds & New Residents**

The HOA Emergency Preparedness Team Presents:



## **Special Information Session**

**April 10, 2024**

**1:00PM to 3:00PM**

**At the Clubhouse**



**Join us for an informative session by Team Members**

**Including:**

**Meet & Talk with Team Members**

**Handouts & Hurricane Information**

**Question & Answer Session**

**Light Refreshments**

**Hurricane Season lasts from June 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>  
Almost Six Months!**

**So.....**

***Be Prepared! Let Us Help You!***





# SPRING FLING

## GOLF CART PARADE

(decorate your golf cart for Spring or Easter)

April 13<sup>th</sup>

Line up: 11:45 at Clubhouse

Parade starts: 12:00

Two trips around the community and back to the clubhouse for voting

Any questions contact Larry Quinter @

202 Glen Este Ct



# SPRING FLING

## APRIL 13, 2024



HAMBURGERS - HOT DOGS - POTATO SALAD  
BAKED BEANS AND ICE CREAM

GOLF CART PARADE STARTS @12:00PM  
PARADE LINEUP IS @ 11:45  
BEST DECORATED GOLF CART PRIZE  
BEST DECORATED HAT PRIZE  
THIS IS A FREE EVENT FOR HOA  
MEMBERS

Sponsored by:  
LAKE HAMMOCK  
VILLAGE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS







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|                  |  |
| PRODUCTION       |  |
| WONKA 2023       |  |
| SCENE            | TAKE                                     |
| POPCORN provided | BRING your own DRINKS                    |
| DIRECTOR         | Gloria Lupo, Lisa & Dawn Karaszewski     |
| CAMERA           | LAWN CHAIRS are welcome                  |
| DATE             | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH — 7:00 to 9:00 ??? |





**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**1pm – Lunch**

**POST TIME 1:30**

**Paid HOA members \$5/ non- members \$7**

**Eggs Salad and Chicken Salad sliders will be served.**

**Please bring a dish to share.**

**\*TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR\***

**\*\*ADVANCED SALES UNTIL TUES., APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**\*Jockey's must bring horse figurine to enter races**

**\*Horse will need name/given at time of ticket purchase**

**\* Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> place single race winners-all 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will have a final race.**

**\* 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be awarded at Winner's Circle**

## **WOMEN**

**Your decorated derby hat enters you into a prize drawing**

### **Tickets available from**

|                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Wanda Stanley</b> | <b>140 Glen Este Blvd</b> |
| <b>Donna Larmon</b>  | <b>148 Glen Este Blvd</b> |
| <b>Laura Miller</b>  | <b>136 Silvercrest</b>    |



**SUNDAY, MAY 5TH**

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00

DINNER AT 4:30

BYOB

(ICED TEA & WATER WILL BE PROVIDED)

Tickets go on sale April 1st, last day to purchase tickets May 15th

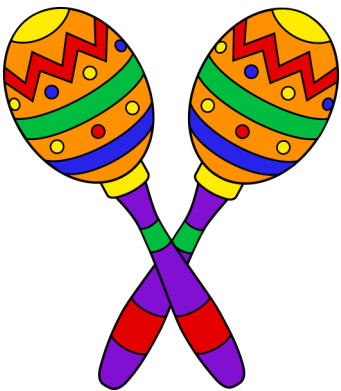
\$6.00 HOA members

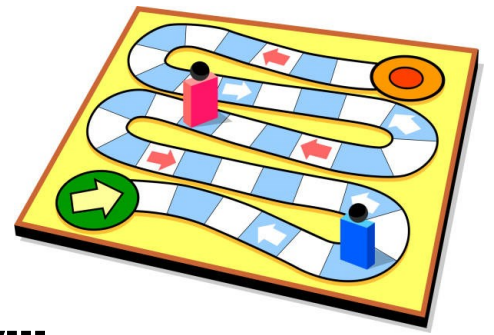
\$8.00 Non-members

Purchase your tickets from: Jan Bacziewicz #25

Kathy Deuel #194

Terry Hofer #57





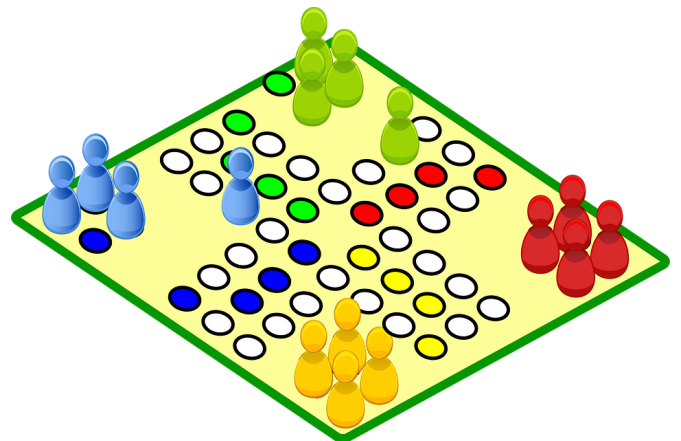
**Coming to Lake Hammock Village**

**Game Night**

**Hosted by Gloria Lupo & Lisa Karaszewski**

**May 8, 2024**

**7:00 to 9:00**



# **C & D TOURS**

**All remaining tours for 2024 are filled!**

**Cindy (C of C&D) is working on the 2024-2025 schedule.**

**If anyone has any requests for future tours, please let me know.  
Cindy is meeting with Park Coordinators (Barbara Pund) in April and is  
open to suggestions.**

**As soon as the tours come available, usually in September, let me know  
if you want to participate and I will book you with Cindy.**

**Barbara Pund  
Barbpund@gmail.com  
863-419-8231**

**C&D TOURS INFO:  
Website: [cdtours.net](http://cdtours.net)  
Email: [CHartline07@yahoo.com](mailto:CHartline07@yahoo.com)  
Phone: 863-632-0360**



# Vendor Fair

## Thank you – Kudos – Gracias

I want to acknowledge and thank all of my volunteers who helped with all the work to make this year's Vendor Fair run so smoothly and with such great success.

First, we must set everything up, move tables and chairs around, furniture out of the way, etc. and for that I say thank you to:

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Terry Karaszewski | Bob Kruse     |
| Bob McDonald      | Bob Cappell   |
| Jerry Sibila      | Shelly Sibila |

And early Wednesday morning before the event starts the canopies must go up for our outside vendors and for that I say thank you to:

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Carmine Gioiosa | Bob McDonald      |
| Bob Cappell     | Terry Karaszewski |

Then we have food and again this year Joice and Clark Smith take on the task of ordering, cutting, serving, and cleaning up the kitchen and that is one less thing I have to worry about, and for this I am so grateful. And also acknowledge and thank Joice's helper with this job:

Phyllis & Dave Lennox

Golf cart drivers help the Vendors unload their cars, direct them to parking spots and bring them back. Then at the end of the event, they shuttle them back to their cars and help them load. Thank you to those drivers who did all this:

|               |                   |                 |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Bob Kruse     | Terry Karaszewski | Carmine Gioiosa |
| Pat Gagna     | Sheryl Nykaza     | Mike Ackley     |
| Brin McDonald | Bob McDonald      | Bob Cappell     |

And finally, the event is over, all those tables and chairs, tablecloths, decorations, furniture, canopies – everything has to go back where it was, plus sweeping up, etc. Thanks for the help to:

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Bob Kruse    | Shelly Sibila   |
| Laura Miller | Carmine Gioiosa |
| Bob McDonald | Bob Cappell     |

Finally, I must acknowledge and thank the table workers who get you all signed up for the door prize drawings: Carolyn Pleuss, Shelly Sibila, Wanda Stanley, Laura Miller, Jen Ackley

Thank you all so much, and if I missed someone – I am sorry! Without these great volunteers our events are not possible – so again, thank you everyone!!

Joyce Middleton





## HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



CARMINE-- OUR EXECUTIVE CHEF



ASSISTANT CHEFS/SERVERS



LAKE HAMMOCK VILLAGE – FEBRUARY 14, 2024



A Wonderful afternoon!  
Every lady in attendance  
had an awesome time!  
Thank you, Alice Larson.

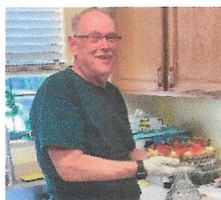
Ladies Tea

March 2024

Hosted by Alice Larson  
and Diane, Gloria, and Millie



One lucky man  
surrounded by  
beautiful ladies!





# SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

## LAKE HAMMOCK VILLAGE 2024



Donna & Carmine



Ben providing music



Carmine & Audrey



David & Carmine



Shelly, Phil & Jerry



Bob & Joyce



Audrey & Sue check in



Julie & Mary



HE STOLE  
MY HAT!!!!



# Hurricane Planning Update

by  
The HOA Emergency Preparedness Team  
for the April 2024 Gator Tales

The Emergency Preparedness Team held a **2024 Planning Session on March 13<sup>th</sup>**. We were very fortunate to avoid any hurricanes in 2023. This year promises to be even more active in terms of weather threats. Early preparation is important. We need to **hope for the best but prepare for the worst**.

At the meeting the Team decided on the following:

- **To utilize the existing Zone Plan from 2023:**  
We need to have several volunteers to concentrate on each zone. We can only do as much as we can with the volunteers we have.
- **Update Team membership:**  
The Team is updating membership for 2024. New volunteers are welcome. Our goals and objectives are the same as last year and the Team agreed on a similar approach.
- The Team had a table at the **Vendor Fair on March 20<sup>th</sup>** where we were able to talk with people about hurricane preparation, etc. The Team continues to work on a **master list of Snowbirds** which will help in planning.
- For the past few years we have been discussing **Snowbirds** and ways to help them before they leave and after they return. The Team will have a **Special Meeting for Snowbirds and New Residents on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 1PM to 3PM**. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend.
- The Team will continue to submit **monthly articles to Gator Tales**. We also hope to better utilize our **Bulletin Board** and need someone to keep it updated.
- The Team plans to provide **Hurricane Information Packets** to all residents, as we have for the past four years. Materials are obtained from various sources. We have begun to request them.
- The Team will sponsor a **June Open House, around June 5<sup>th</sup>, the start of Hurricane Season. This will be an event similar to last year.** We will be looking for guest speakers, other exhibitors, and hopefully offer lunch.
- The Team plans to continue its **Generator Sharing Program**. However, this valuable program needs work to update the list of owners willing to share and to keep in contact during hurricane season and manage this. **The Team would like one or two people to take this over.**

There is lots to do to continue our **Mission** to help all residents deal with hurricane related issues:

***To keep our residents safe, to help each other, and to help all of us be better prepared in case of hurricane or other emergency***

Please think about being part of this very talented and dedicated group.

**If you have questions, need information, or want to join, please contact any of our members or Dave Graham at (603) 915-1368, [davemg1@outlook.com](mailto:davemg1@outlook.com)**



# Hurricane Planning Update, Cont.

At the February HOA Meeting the Board gave the go-ahead for the Team to begin planning for 2024. As part of the Meeting Agenda, Dave Graham gave a brief report on the Team for 2024. He also passed out a flyer with information about the Team in hope of attracting new volunteers to add to our existing Team.

The Team will have an **Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30PM at the clubhouse**. At that time the Team will review Team membership for 2024 and begin our planning. We hope that all our members will return but realize that this may not be the case for various reasons. We welcome everyone, no required time commitment, and no required lifting or heavy duty – **YOU choose the time you can spare and what you would like to do**. Even if you can spare one hour each month it will help us provide services to our residents. We need people to help with lists and make phone calls to follow up with residents, and other tasks, such as revising our **Hotel List** which is available to anyone for use as a planning guide during hurricane season, etc.

The Team goals will be dependent on volunteers available. We hope to be able to do what we did last year.

The Team will participate in the **Annual Vendor Fair** which will be held **March 20, 2024**. In 2023 we set up exhibits, gave out information, and had the opportunity to meet and talk with residents as they entered the fair.

A possible early **June Open House** will be discussed. In 2022 & 2023 the Team held this event. Last year we had guest speakers and served a light lunch to everyone attending.

We also hope to provide **Hurricane Information Packets** to all residents, as we have for the past four years.

The Team will also submit a **Hurricane / Emergency Preparedness article to Gator Tales** each month, as we have over the past four-plus years.

If you are interested in learning more, please come to our meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Remember, the Emergency Preparedness Team works together with its volunteers on the goals and objectives which are:

## **2023 Members:**

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# Sheriff Grady Corner



## Human Trafficking

From Feb 22 to 29, 2024 our agency, along with a number of other law enforcement agencies, conducted an undercover sting that focused on those who engage in human trafficking. We made a record number of arrests – 228- of suspects who either traveled to our undercover location to have sex with who they thought was a prostitute, or suspects who were offering to commit prostitution. Our goal is to identify and provide services for those who are being victimized, and to charge those who perpetuate the crime of human trafficking.

The sobering news is that we identified 13 victims of human trafficking during the operation – and since February 2023, that brings the total number of victims we've identified to 58. We work hand-in-hand with organizations such as the Florida Department of Children and Families, Seleh Freedom, One More Child, and Heartland for Children, to provide services to these victims and help them get out of this dangerous situation.

During these types of investigations, we also see victims who are in the country illegally and those who:

1. Are being forced to perform sex acts for money in order to “pay off” debts to those who got them into the US.
2. Are threatened with violence against their families back home if they do not perform.
3. Who cannot gain legal employment in the U.S. and use this as a quick way to get money.

Some of the myths of this crime are that traffickers target and abduct strangers in a “snatch and grab” type of kidnapping, enslaving their victims, who are never again found and reunited with their families. We can't say this never happens, but it is rare. But human trafficking – and sex trafficking - is real, and it is a crime that we are focused on here in Polk County. We will continue to conduct these types of investigations to help emancipate the women who are pressured, groomed, and forced into this trade.



## Polk County's Hazardous Waste Facility

Can you imagine if Polk County didn't have a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility?

Where would electronic items like broken TV's, Computers, and Monitors go? They are incompatible with the landfill and they can't be carted away with the regular garbage pickup. Instead they'd probably end up sitting on the side of the road, littering our county.

Fortunately, there's an alternative for Polk County residents. Household chemicals, and electronic waste (up to 5 units) are accepted at no additional fee at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, located a 5 Environmental Loop Rd, South in Winter Haven.

This facility provides a safe, convenient way for residents to properly dispose of hazardous materials free of charge. Some examples of household hazardous waste accepted at the facility are old paint, pesticides, motor oil, compact fluorescent light bulbs, pool chemicals and lithium-ion batteries.

Each of these materials requires special handling. They should never go in your trash containers, or down the drain, or anywhere other than the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Proof of county residency may be required.

Jerry Smith



## Hey L.H.V. - Let's Dance

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### Word List

BALLET

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DISCO

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MAMBO

RUMBA

SALSA

SWING

TANGO

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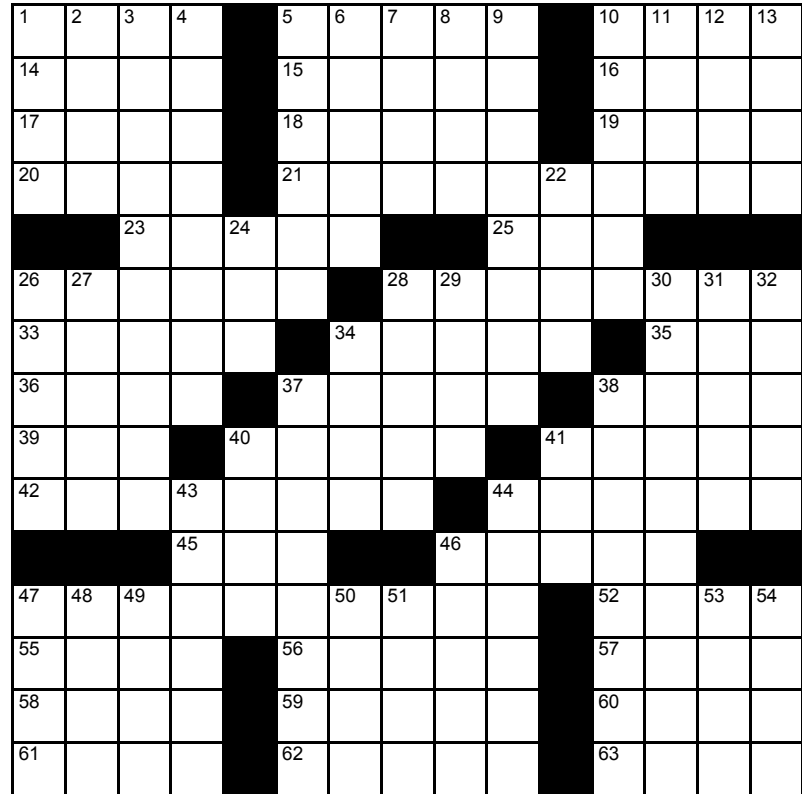
# Crossword #1

## Across

1. Peter I, for one
5. Border plant
10. Call to a mate
14. Altar locale
15. Gibson garnish
16. Ice cream treat
17. Quarterback's option
18. Girder material
19. Comedienne Imogene
20. "Halt!"
21. Verse of four measures
23. Show fear
25. Dead letters?
26. Kind of cord
28. Chill out
33. Unrefined
34. Energize (with "up")

35. Block
36. Hourly charge
37. Stake
38. Look after
39. Chowd down
40. Neglected boy
41. Abstain
42. From the age of chivalry
44. Plow's trail
45. "Gosh!"
46. Heart line
47. Smelly pranks
52. Desire
55. Fashion designer Chanel
56. Circa
57. Showy flower

58. Unpleasant emanation
  59. Hangman's knot
  60. Air show stunt
  61. Strengthen, with "up"
  62. Dissuade
  63. Kitty starter
- Down**
1. Last call?
  2. Cross words
  3. Kind of press
  4. Answer
  5. Inexpensive lodging
  6. Script direction
  7. South Beach, for one
  8. Suffix with theater



9. Darkroom apparatus
10. Click the OK button
11. Knee-slapper
12. Enough, for some
13. Academic period
22. Personal air
24. Is no longer
26. "Beat it!"
27. Go on and on
28. Watch
29. Square
30. Mental lapse
31. Ballroom dance
32. Fund
34. Buddhist leader
37. Range of frequencies
38. Tex-Mex staple
40. Nerdy one
41. PETA peeve
43. Slight, in a way
44. Encourage
46. Bullying, e.g.
47. Kilt wearer
48. Type of list
49. Desktop feature
50. Double-reed instrument
51. Kind of court
53. Congeal
54. Hoopla

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## DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP 2023-2024

Will meet on the following dates at the CLUBHOUSE at 7pm.:

WED.APRIL 3RD-GOVERNMENT UPDATES

WED.MAY 1ST- WRAP -UPS

# April 2024

| March '24 |    |    |    |    |    |    | May '24 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S         | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S       | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 17        | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 17      | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24        | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 24      | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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| Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--------|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| 31     | 1<br>9:15 Water Areobics<br>10:00 Shuffleboard<br><br>6 pm BINGO<br><b>Beef &amp; Noodles</b>       | 2<br>10:00 Cornhole<br>11:00 Activities Meeting<br>12:00-3:00 Billiards<br>7:00 HOA Board Meeting | 3<br>8:00 Coffee & D<br>9:15 Water Areobics<br><b>10:00-12:00 ****</b><br>1-3 Paint Class<br>1:00 Hand & Foot<br>7:00 Diabetes Group                 | 4<br>10:00 Shuffleboard<br>12:00-3:00 Billiards<br>1:00 Line Dancing<br><br>7:00 Dominos  | 5<br>9:15 Water Aerobics<br>1:00 Pokeno<br>1:00 Pinochle<br><br>7:00 CLR  | 6<br>8:30 Breakfast at Diner<br><br><b>4:00 to 7:00 Golf Cart Poker Run</b><br>6:00 Men's Poker                   |
| 7      | 8<br>9:15 Water Areobics<br>10:00 Shuffleboard<br><br>6 pm BINGO<br><b>Meatloaf</b>                 | 9<br>10:00 Cornhole<br>12:00-3:00 Billiards<br>1:00 Sassy Stitchers<br>7:00 HOA Meeting           | 10<br>8:00 Coffee & D<br>9:15 Water Areobics<br><b>10:00-12:00 ****</b><br>1:00 Hand & Foot<br><b>1-3 Hurr. Prep meeting snowbirds/new residents</b> | 11<br>10:00 Shuffleboard<br>12:00-3:00 Billiards<br>1:00 Line Dancing<br><br>7:00 Dominos | 12<br>9:15 Water Aerobics<br>1:00 Pokeno<br>1:00 Pinochle<br><br>7:00 CLR | 13<br>10:00 Book Club<br><b>SPRING FLING</b><br><b>12:00 CART PARADE</b><br><b>1:00 LUNCH</b><br>6:00 Men's Poker |
| 14     | 15<br>9:15 Water Areobics<br>10:00 Shuffleboard<br><br>6 pm BINGO<br><b>Baked Chicken</b>           | 16<br>10:00 Cornhole<br>12:00-3:00 Billiards  | 17<br>8:00 Coffee & D<br>9:15 Water Areobics<br><b>10:00-12:00 ****</b><br>11:30 Ladies' Lunch<br>1:00 Hand & Foot                                   | 18<br>10:00 Shuffleboard<br>12:00-3:00 Billiards<br>1:00 Line Dancing<br><br>7:00 Dominos | 19<br>9:15 Water Aerobics<br>1:00 Pokeno<br>1:00 Pinochle<br><br>7:00 CLR | 20<br><br>6:00 Hot Dog Roast<br><br>6:00 Men's Poker  |
| 21     | 22<br>9:15 Water Areobics<br>10:00 Shuffleboard<br><br>6 pm BINGO<br><b>Chicken &amp; Egg Salad</b> | 23<br>10:00 Cornhole<br>12:00-3:00 Billiards<br>1:00 Sassy Stitchers                              | 24<br>8:00 Coffee & D<br>9:15 Water Areobics<br><b>10:00-12:00 ****</b><br>1:00 Hand & Foot<br><b>7-9 Movie Night</b>                                | 25<br>10:00 Shuffleboard<br>12-3 Billiards<br>1:00 Line Dancing<br><br>7:00 Dominos       | 26<br>9:15 Water Aerobics<br>1:00 Pokeno<br>1:00 Pinochle<br><br>7:00 CLR | 27<br><br>6:00 Men's Poker  |
| 28     | 29<br>9:15 Water Areobics<br>10:00 Shuffleboard<br><br>6 pm BINGO<br><b>Spaghetti</b>               | 30<br>10:00 Cornhole<br>12:00-3:00 Billiards  | 1<br>10:00 Cornhole<br>12:00-3:00 Billiards  | 2<br><br>7:00 Dominos   | 3<br><br>7:00 CLR   | 4<br><br>6:00 Men's Poker   |
| 5      | 6   | Notes<br>*Bingo: 4:30 pm--doors open<br>5:15-5:45 pm--sell paper<br>6:00 pm--start playing        |  |   |   | ****Clubhouse cleaning hours-<br>please limit use of front room.  |