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## Golf Cart Parade March 15th, 1pm!

It's that time again to dress up your golf cart for the Holiday RV Park St Patrick's Day Parade! Prizes for the top three winners! Sign up by March 10th at the Lifestyle Office to enter your golf cart!

Yard games are planned, pending weather, and HRV Smokeless campfire and the Jam Session Crew are adding to the shenanigans later in the evening! Follow Holiday RV Park on Facebook for updates!



Community Manager

Holiday RV 28229 County Rd 33 Leesburg FL 34748

Departments:

Welcome Center/Registration (Front Office): 352-787-5151 Mon-Fri- 9am-5pm Saturday- 9am-12pm Sunday Closed

Courtesy Center (gate): 352-815-0189

Lifestyle: 352-787-5775 Hours: 9am-4:00pm - M-F email: holidayrvactivities@ covecommunities.com

> The Poolside Café 352-728-8600

New & Preowned Home Sales Available in the Main Office

Web: www.holidayrvvillage.com email: holidayrvvillage@ covecommunities.com THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING AMBASSADORS! Holiday RV is fortunate to have so many residents and guests with diverse talents and interests that they are willing to share. It is wonderful to see people participating in the activities having fun and laughing with others. With the large selection to choose from there must be something for almost everyone. Take part and try a new activity. Remember if you are not competitive, use the facilities during their off times and play at your own level and pace.

I know it is a month early but...... Please take care of any site/home maintenance now. Power washing, cleanup of unused items, completing needed repairs are just some of the things that should be completed now. When April arrives, you will be concerned with packing up to head home and may not have time to address everything before you leave. Today is the time to get a jump on them.

The 2025/2026 Reservation information sheets and policies are available. They were placed in mailboxes. If you did not receive one, stop in the office to pick up a copy. Remember to complete and return to the office as soon as possible as they are date and time stamped to be used for site assignment when needed. The open reservation dates are listed in the information.

Project Updates – I am currently waiting for approval on the projects to be done at Holiday RV during 2025. I anticipate receiving notification soon. Once received, I will share this information. In the fall of each year, I prepare a wish list of projects to be considered. I never know what projects and their scope that will be in the final cut.

Recently, the number of DOG complaints has grown. In case you have questions regarding the pet policy, please pick one up at the Front Desk. #1 complaint – Barking dogs and dogs left unattended. Your neighbors do not want to hear your dog(s) bark. #2 not picking up after your pet. Your pet is your responsibility to clean up after. #3 Dogs not on leashes. Reminder - the golf course and ballfield are not dog runs. Please be sure you are part of the solution and not the problem.

Electric bikes, bicycles, golf carts, cars and trucks ALL need to follow not only the speed limit of 10 MPH but also STOP at the stop signs. This is everyone's responsibility to follow the rules of HRV roads. Please do not park on or drive through open/empty sites. Stay within your site boundaries.

Remember - Please be kind to others and show respect for their property/sites.

Share a smile – it is contagious and changes their day!

### Veteran Spotlight



1975.





John Roberge Canadian Air Force 1963 - 1975

John was born in Quebec, then moved as a baby to LaSalle, Ontario where he grew up. After high school he moved to Toronto and worked as a mechanic. During that time, he mentioned to someone that he was interested in flying so he entered the CAF (Canadian Air Force). He attended Basic Training in St. Jean, Quebec and was then transferred to Europe, to a Two Wing (base) in France where he first trained as a cook, he did so well he was the cook for the officers. He was able to re-muster and go into Pilot Training. John then transferred to a One Wing in Marville, France yet within months that was closed down. Charles DeGall had kicked all military NATO forces out of France. John was then transferred to the CFB (Canadian Forces Bases) Baden-Soelliangen, a Four Wing in West Germany, and he graduated as a pilot, flying CF 104 Star Fighter, nicknamed "The Missile with a Man in it". He took combat and weapon deployment training in Sicily. He returned to Germany after training before returning to Canada. He extended his tour of duty 2-3 years. It was during this time that Canada combined the armed services roles - Navy, Army and Air Force to the Canadian Armed Forces. John was discharged from the CAF Air Division as a Captain in

After discharge John and his 2nd wife were property managers in Toronto, Ontario then they moved to Holland where his wife was from, and he learned to speak Dutch. While there he worked for Fokker Aircraft Corporation and trained to test the F-16 and was writing technical manuals for Briget Atlantique and B3C Orion.

John did return to Canada, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and opened JR's Renovations and owned Rental Properties and Flipped Properties.

John had 2 sons with his 1st wife, sadly one passed away in an accident. John is now with Jan for over 30 years. They have been snowbirds here at Holiday RV Park for 14 years. Their story to get to Holiday is unique. They met a person at a garage sale at the Lake near Winnipeg who had just returned from Holiday as snowbirds and were selling their travel trailer on a lot at Holiday RV. John and Jan asked some questions, visited the next winter and bought the place. They are very active in the park with Pickellball, Volleyball and Tennis.

CF-104 Starfighter

#### Department Managers' Corner

#### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Dave DeNell

Hours of operation: Monday thru Friday 7:00am-3:15pm

#### **Reminders:**

- Maintenance will no longer accept Waste Oil.
- No non-employee is allowed in the Maintenace Department area.
- Please put yard clean-up material in a container or bag for pick-up. Do not rake and leave in a pile for pick-up.
- Dumpsters are for household garbage only.
- · Dogs are not allowed on the golf course or softball field. It is becoming a nuisance and hazard for people playing on the field where dogs have pooped, and their owners did not pick up.

#### MAIL ROOM



Julia Guest Monday-Friday 9am-1pm Saturday 9am-Noon All mail and packages should include correct site number Please pick up mail and packages on a daily basis. Space is limited in the Mail Room.

#### **MARINA**



Open Monday-Friday Hours: 7:00am - 3:15pm

Closed for lunch 12:00-12:45

#### THE POOLSIDE CAFE

Closed Sunday & Monday Tuesday-Friday- 9am-2pm Saturday-8am-11am

1st Saturday of the month will be a Breakfast Buffet \*Payment: cash or credit card is accepted at time of purchase.

#### **NEW & PREOWNED HOME SALES**



There are new homes for Sale throughout Holiday RV. Starting at \$79,900. Save over \$40,000.00. Now listing preowned homes for sale. Contact Kathryn Andrews at 352-204-8941 for more information.

#### Please Note: Leesburg Commissioner Meeting

If you search Leesburg Commissioner's Meeting January 13, 2025, there is a video of a meeting with the discussion approximately 37 minutes into the meeting. This will impact traffic on CR 33.

A 77.5 acre parcel located south of County Road 33, west of U.S. Hwy. 27 and north of County Road 48. To build 235 single-family residences, 48 paired villas and 120,000 square feet of commercial and office space. Proposed development bares the name of Leatherleaf. Connell was the only commissioner who voted to not submit the proposed PUD to the state for review.

A second reading of the proposed development is set for the March 24, Leesburg commissioners meeting.

January 13, 2025 Leesburg Commissioner meeting:

https://www.youtube.com

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## Residents' Fund Committee

The Residents' Fund Committee will be accepting nominations for the position of Trustee and Alternate Trustee for each of the six (6) sections on or before the March 5th meeting. Any Holiday RV Village resident interested in their sections Trustee or Alternate Trustee position should notify, in writing, the Executive Committee before or during the March meeting. The position of Section Trustee shall serve a two (2) year term. The position of Section Alternate Trustee shall serve a one (1) year term.

The Holiday RV Village Residents' Fund Committee 2025 Election will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at the Activity Center. Voting will take place from 10:00am to 2:00pm and then again from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. This should enable residents plenty of time to get out and vote. If you have any questions about specifics of the positions and the responsibilities required, feel free to contact any Resident Fund Committee Member. Those members and their contact information are posted on the back wall of the post office.

The upcoming monthly Residents' Fund meeting will be on Wednesday, March 5 at 2:00pm in the Activity Center.

John Bistor Residents' Fund President

## **Holiday Yacht Club**

March will be another busy month for the Holiday Yacht Club. Our Annual Banquet will take place on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Members who have pre registered and paid are eligible to attend the Banquet. The monthly membership meeting will begin at 4 PM and will include a short business meeting and election of officers for the next season. Then the Banquet will be held. Remember to wear blue as we want to get lots of pictures!

Then on Friday, March 14, we will host our annual dance for the Holiday RV community. The dance is from 7 PM to 10 PM with DJ Bob. Tickets are \$10 for non-members and FREE for HYC members. Members, encourage your neighbors to get their tickets early. Tickets can be purchased at the Lifestyle Office or through Dance Chairpersons John & Vickie Morris.



## March 4th Talk: Harbor Branch Ocean Study

On Tuesday March 4th at 11 am in the Activity Center, the Holiday Yacht Club will sponsor a free program presented by Jennifer Cutter from FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY, a Harbor Branch oceanographic Institute. Come and learn about dolphins, whales, sharks. Plus information on habitats including coral reefs, seagrass beds, and the deep sea. This is also a great opportunity to learn how you can get involved in "Ocean Science for a Better World."

## February Events

## Cove's Got Talent Finale Live Stream

Holiday RV Park Cove's Got Talent Winner Danny Insley will be representing us on March 26, at Cove's Got Talent finale competition, in Lakeland, FL. You can go to the event by reserving your seating online at: https://covecommunities.com/coves-got-talent

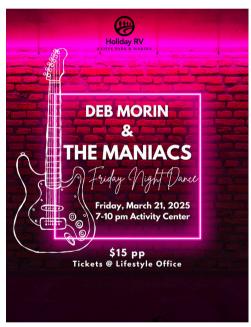
You can also support Danny at our Activity Center, March 26, 1pm to watch the event online.

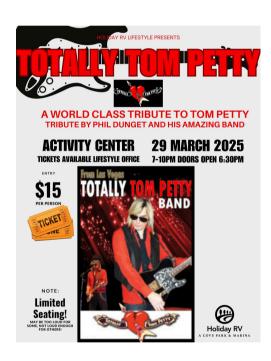
Congratulations and Good Luck Danny!











#### **March Main Events**

March 3 Food Truck Monday Madness! 11-6pm

March 5 RFC Meeting 2pm (A)

March 5 Ambassador Meeting 3pm (A)

March 7 Kenny Evans Show 7pm (A)

March 13 RFC Elections 10-2pm and 4-6pm(A)

March 21 Deb Morin & the Maniacs Band /Dance 7pm (A)

March28 Autumn / Outdoor poolside entertainment 2-5pm

March 29 Totally Tom Petty Tribute! / Dance 7pm (A)

Follow us on Holiday RV Park Facebook page for all your community updates!



### **Ambassador News**

#### **Fitness with Carol**

The following classes are held in the Activity Center. All fitness levels are welcome.

#### Mondays 9:30 AM Strength & Stretching

This is a 90-minute class that includes full-body workout with hand weights and/or resistance bands plus 30 minutes of stretching. Class fee \$2.

Exercise equipment provided. Please bring an exercise mat and towel for the stretching portion of class.

Wednesdays 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM Zumba Great music and fun moves to burn calories. Class fee \$1.

## Wednesdays 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Cardio Drumming

We will continue "banging" on our "drums" with lots of great songs and instructors. Class fee \$1.

## **Golf News**

Residents of Cove community are enjoying the par 3 nine-hole golf course. Daily, you can see groups, couples and singles, having fun. It may have been too cold for swimming but great for golf. A big thank you to Eddie Morin for putting up new flags and painting. Wonderful job! Eddie, we appreciate it! Thanks to all the volunteers who keep the course in shape.

## Volleyball

Finally, with a great break in the weather we have been enjoying some invigorating co-ed volleyball games.

Please come join us M-S at 10AM behind the Pickleball courts.

All levels are welcome and we hope to see you there.

Dave Walter/Steve Sexton

## **Pickleball**

Business as usual on the courts for March. Open play just about any time. Lessons on Tuesdays starting at 10 am - experienced Round Robin right after that at 11 am and beginner Round Robin on Thursdays starting at 11 am. Come & play or watch the Round Robin.

#### **TENNIS CLUB**

Tennis players decked out in red celebrated our annual Valentine's Fun Day with lively background "love" music provided by Bob and Sharon Gertzen causing players to dance on the courts. Thanks to Bob, Carolyn, John R., Jan, and all who helped put this event together.

The March St. Patrick's Fun Day will be held on March 20 and feature coffee/donuts at 9 followed by doubles matches and a luncheon (pizza, salad and dessert). Please sign up on the Tennis Club Bulletin Board for the Luncheon and if you plan to play.

Open Tennis continues each day of the week from 1 to 3pm and is open for everyone. Mixed Doubles and Men's Doubles continue to be available, and you can sign up to play on the Tennis Club Bulletin Board.

It's noteworthy that at the recent meaningful Holiday Memorial Service, of the 30 residents remembered, 5 had been active tennis players here in the Park. Passing on to "the other side of the net" last year were Cheryl Bright, Ron Colwell, Lee Stilwell, Bernie Warde, and Pat Wragg. John Jones

### **Line Dance**

Tuesday mornings Line Dancing class continues 9-10:30am at the Activity Center, and in the evenings on Monday's 7-8pm, (except for the 17th and 24th!)

It has been great seeing the Line Dancers out on the dance floor enjoying every step! Tina Augstine

## Not Mr. Kuepermann's Cornhole!

In the fourteenth century, carpenter Matthias Kuepermann saw children throwing rocks into a groundhog hole as a way of entertaining themselves. He decided throwing corn filled bags would be safer and then built the first version of a cornhole board for the children to use.

#### Holiday RV Park History:

Resident and current Olympic ambassador as well as the newly elected Residents fund committee president John Bistor began the organized corn hole at his lot. Soon the amount of participants outgrew his location. At this time, current resident Jack Barnes took over the organization of daily play and moved it to our current location. As it continued to grow in popularity, the organizational responsibilities were handed over to current residents Brian and Debbie McCourt and Jerry Lingenfelter.

As the popularity continued to grow, the need for an ambassador was reached. Resident Stan Drozdowski became the first Ambassador of cornhole and continues to organize, promote and grow this activity to what it is today.

Cornhole is a game for all genders, ages, and skill levels. Many of our current excellent players only started within the past few years. It is a semi physical outdoor activity as well as a great social gathering. We provide one on one lessons the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10:00 am.

Hours of activity:
Daily play at 2:30pm
Thursday is tournament day, sign in at 2:00pm

Kent Tompkins

## Pinochle update:

On January 23rd, Sandy King had the high score of 446 and Judy LaJiness & Karen Barnes had the high game of 122. January 30th, Judy LaJiness had the high game of 154 and the high series with 482. February 6th, Irene Hart and Sandy Zaffer had the high game of 119. Irene also had the high series with 574. February 13th, Sally Amstutz and Karen Hirschy had the high game of 121 and Irene Hart had the high series with 567. February 20th Max Amstutz had the high series with a 572 and Max and Connie Hiatt had the high Game of 126.

Our Olympic competition: Max took the Gold, Marcia Fearon took the Silver and Jim Hirschy took the Bronze. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all who participated.

Join us! Pinochle is played at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays at the Leisure Center. The cost is \$1.25, with all monies collected paid out each night. Sandy Zaffer

### **Double Deck Euchre**

Double Deck Bid Euchre is being conducted every Sunday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 7 p.m. in Leisure Center. It is free and fun and enables many new friendships. Each sessions' winners' names are posted in the Ken Jones Center. Late February Olympics medal winners are listed there too. Harold Brown

### **Billiards**

The Pool Room is open every day. Two tables are available along with cue sticks and balls. Although the lights may be out and the tables covered, you are still invited to play. Please leave the room with tables covered and lights turned off. Just as a reminder, no one under the age of 18 is allowed in the Pool Room. At 7:00 p.m. we draw pills for partners and commence playing every evening.

The league started their second group of tournaments in January. Our group is now in third place. We would love having an audience; however, due to lack of space, the pool room is closed the day of the tournament. A big thank you to Cove for cleaning our carpet! Vincent Feik

### **Ambassador News**

#### **Aquacise Season Ending Schedule**

8am Monday -Friday (ending 4/11/25) 9:15am M-W-F (ending 4/11/25) 1pm M-W-F (ending 3/29/25) Indoor pool Anne Carlson & Claudette JoLy Thank you for a great season!

#### **COFFEE & DONUTS**

Come meet some new and old friends and enjoy a Donut King donut and a great cup of coffee. Proceeds benefit the Resident's Fund.

Tuesdays & Thursdays at the Marina 7:30 - 9:00 AM Saturday at the Activities Building 8:00 -10:00 AM.

## **Helping Hands**

Our group has been busy making quilts, afghans, and teddy bears for the children. We went to Camp Boggy Creek for a work party, doing office work and cutting teddy bear parts. We also had our bear stuffing party where we had 20 people go and stuff hundreds of bears and tied bows on them. The camp fed us and gave tours of the camp. It was a good time by all. We took 50 more bears, 9 quilts, 6 afghans, craft supplies, tumble weeks and pillowcases to the camp.

Our last work party is March 20th. We can always use help sewing or tying knots or stuffing bears. Come join us on Tuesdays 1-3pm at the Ken Jones Center.

We can always use gently worn sheets and ribbon for teddy bears, fabric, yarn and misc. craft supplies for the kids.

We thank the residents who donate to us each year. the kids greatly appreciate it.

Darlene Snell

## **Machine Embroidery Club**

Our Machine Embroidery Club meetings are Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Marina. The group discusses techniques that may be used for machine embroidery. We problem solve some techniques and help those in need. This year we hope to continue our monthly Trips and Luncheon. In February we held our yearly Brunch! We had some fantastic dishes! March, we pan on another excursion and luncheon.

So, whether you are new to machine embroidery or just curious to see the process, please join us on Wednesday morning! New members are always welcome.

Kathie Feik

## **Holiday Stitchers**

Hello Stitchers! I hope everyone is enjoying your time here at Holiday. Remember we meet every Monday, 1-3pm in the Cafe at the Ken Jones Center. All are welcome to attend. Bring any stitching project you are working on. Just an FYI. Stichers will run through April 28, 2025. Sharon G. Has agreed to be there for the group as I leave the park on April 1st. Come join us for conversation and laughs and work on your project!! Bev Koons

## **Holiday Quilt Club**

Our Holiday Quilt Club Show is Sunday March 16th, 1-4pm at the Activity Center. Please join us and see all our ladies hard work and beautiful quilts!





#### Monday

8am - Pickleball

8am - Aquacise (IP)

9:15am - Aquacise (IP)

9:30am - Horseshoes

9:30am - Strength, Stretching &

Toning with Carol (A)

10am - Co-Ed Volleyball

11am - Tennis /Mixed Doubles

1pm - Aquacise (IP)

1pm - Super Samba- Cards (M)

1pm - Bunco (L)

1pm -Holiday Stitchers (KJ)

1pm - Open Tennis

2:30pm - Outdoor Cornhole

4pm - Lap Swimming (IP)

5pm - Potluck (M)

5:30pm- Poker (S)

6pm- Open Billiards

6:30pm - Shanghai Rummy (M)

7pm Line Dance (A) (\*except /17 &

24th)

7pm - Bridge (L)

7pm - Dominoes (KJ)

#### Tuesday

8am - Aquacise (IP)

8am - Pickleball

9am-Line Dancing 101 (A)

10am - Beginner Pickleball Lessons

11am - Pickleball Round Robin

10am- Craft Club (M)

10am - Co-Ed Volleyball

11am - Men's Tennis Mix Doubles

1pm-Open Tennis

1pm - Helping Hands (KJ)

1pm- Shuffleboard Partners

1pm- Wood Carvers (M)

2:30pm-Indoor Cornhole (A)

2:30pm - Outdoor Cornhole

4pm -Pray the Rosary (M)

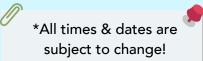
6pm - Community Game Night (KJ)

6pm- Karaoke Fun (M)

6pm - Texas Holdem/ Omaha (S)

6pm - Open Billiards

7pm-Euchre (L)





SUN	MON	TUE	WED
2 11am Cornhole Tournament 12-2 Mystic 12pm Fire Stick Pizza	3 Softball Tournment 11-6pm Food Truck Monday Madness 7pm Glow in the Dark Bocce	11 Shuffleboard	5 Softball Tournment 2pm RFC Meeting (A) 3pm Ambassador Meeting (A)  Shuffleboard
2pm LRC (M)	3pm Taste of Louisiana	Tourament  4pm Yacht Club Banquet (A)	4pm Steak Shack
1-4pm Quilt Show (A)  12-2 Mystic 2pm Fire Stick Pizz. 3pm Ladies Softball Potluck (M) 6pm Spring Concert (A)	5pm Choirs Potluck (A)	18	19
23 2pm LRC (M) 30	5:30pm Shuffleboard Banquet (A) 4-6pm Mystic 4pm Grandpas Cooking  31 1pm Crime Prevention (A)	**EPINCOUR PROMISE TO AMERICA'S VETERANS  **5:30pm Spring DAV Benefit  with Rob Nichols (A)  **CONTROL OF THE PROMISE TO AMERICA'S VETERANS  4pm Royal Hibachi	t 1pm Coves got Talant (A

M- Marina L- Leisure Center A-Activity Center S- Sports Center

MO-Main Office IP- Indoor Pool

KJ- Ken Jones Center

#### Wednesday

8am - Ham Radio (KJ)

8am - Pickleball

8am - Aquacise (IP)

9:15am - Aquacise (IP)

9am - Machine Embroidery (M)

9:30am - Zumba W/Carol (A)

10am - CoEd Volleyball

10:30am-Cardio Drumming (A)

11am Tennis Mixed Doubles

1pm- Open Tennis

1pm- Mini-Golf

1pm - Mahjongg (L)

1pm- Aquacise (IP)

1pm - Prog. Hand & Foot (M)

2:30pm -Outdoor Cornhole

4pm - Lap Swimming (IP)

6pm - Open Billiards

7pm -Bingo (A)

7pm -Poker (S)

7pm - Cribbage (L)

7pm - Double Deck Euchre (L)



## **& Activities Calenda**

#### FRI THU SAT 1 8am Spring Fling Bazaar (A) Softball Tournment 7pm Kenny **Evans** Show(A) 6pm Hot Wheels (A) 13 7pm Dance 10am SkyMed sponcered by Yacht 10-2pm RFC Elections (A) Club(A) 4-6pm RFC Elections (A) 1pm St Patrick's Golf Cart Parade THE NIGHT 4pm Grandpas Cooking 7pm LRC (A) **Smokeless Campfire** 20 22 11:30am & 6pm 7PM Deb Manager Meeting (A) Morin & the Maniacs 1pm Ambassador Dance Lunch (M) Band (A) 27 28 2-5pm Poolside 7pmTotally Tom Petty Music Dance (A) with Autumn 7pm LRC (A) 7pm Glow in the Dark Bocce 7pm Corn Hole Potluck (A)

AP-Activity Center Parking Lot FBS- Field by Softball

GPL- Gate Parking Lot

#### Join Us for Coffee& Donuts! 7:30-9am Tues & Thurs (M) & 8-10am Saturdays (A)

#### **Thursday**

8am - Aquacise (IP)

8am - Pickleball

10am Co-Ed Volleyball

10am - Bocce Ball

1pm - Open Tennis

1pm - Bridge (L)

1pm - Poker (S)

1pm - Super Samba- cards (M)

2pm - Outdoor Cornhole Tournament

## Daily

#### **Friday**

8am - Pickleball

8am - Aquacise (IP)

9:15am - Aquacise (IP)

9am - Quilt Club (M)

9:30am - Circle Dance (A)

10am - Co-Ed Volleyball

11am Ladies Tennis Mixed Doubles

1pm-Open Tennis

1pm- Aquacise (IP)

1pm-Choir (A)

1pm - Shuffleboard Draw Partners

2:30pm - Outdoor Cornhole

4pm - Lap Swimming

6pm - Open Billiards

6-10pm - Quilt Club (M)

6pm - Prog. Hand & Foot (KJ)

6pm - Cards (S)

7pm - Euchre (L)

#### Saturday

9:30am - Shuffleboard Lessons

10am - CoEd Volleyball

11am - Tennis Men's Mixed Doubles

1pm - Open Tennis

2:30pm - Outdoor Cornhole

4:30pm - Shuffleboard Build- A-

House

6pm - Super Samba (M)

6pm - Open Billiards

7pm - Double Deck Euchre (L)

7pm - Poker (S)

#### Sunday

9am - Church (A)

10am - Discovery Church (M)

1pm - Shuffleboard Pin Shuffle

1pm - Open Tennis

1pm - Just 4 Fun Softball

2pm - Marbles & Sequence (L)

2:30pm - Outdoor Cornhole

6pm - Church (A)

6pm - Super Samba (M)

6pm - Open Billiards

6:30pm - Cards With K (S)

7pm - Double Deck Euchre (L)

5:30pm - Poker (S) 6pm - Open Billiards

7pm - Pinochle (L)

7pm - Pony Canasta (KJ)

#### **CIRCLE DANCE LESSONS**

Circle Dance Lessons is line dancing without walls! We will continue every Friday in March at 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Activity Center. Class fee is \$1/person. We will be reviewing what we have learned and adding more steps to the fun.

Bring a partner or a friend to share the fun. If you can walk & hear the beat of music, you can Circle Dance. If you can Line Dance, you can Circle Dance. We are just stretching the line into a continuous Circle.

Wear comfortable clothes & shoes. Please bring water. Looking for you on the dance floor.

Ruth Osborn E142 RUDancing5678@gmail.com

## HRV Smokeless Campfire Group

Our next Community Smokeless Campfire will be Saturday, March 15th 7-9 pm. We are delighted to be joined by the Jam Session Crew. Please feel free to schedule Campfires in your neighborhood & we will be happy to try to assist you, if necessary.

We are delighted to now have a concrete, lighted dance floor for your dancing pleasure. People are asked to bring a chair & beverage. There are picnic tables provided and plenty of room for golf cart parking.

We do not provide food or beverages, but you are welcome to bring snacks. We do ask everyone to pick up after yourselves before leaving the area. All dates are subject to weather permitting.

Hope to see you across the Campfire! Ozzie & Ruth Osborn E142 OzzieRuth@gmail.com

## Karaoke Club

Karaoke is an entertainment system usually offered in clubs, where people sing along to pre-recorded music using a microphone. Its content is instrumental rendition of a well-known or popular songs with lyrics displayed on a video screen, along with a moving symbol, changing colors, or music video images, all designed to help guide the singer along.

It doesn't matter if you are brand new...never been outside the car singing before, or a seasoned singer wanting to try a new genre. Karaoke is one of the twentieth century's most innovative creations and engaging, one-of-a-kind social experience that allows people to truly unwind and be their most uninhibited and ridiculous selves, while creating, and growing, lasting friendships that are memorable and exciting.

Come and experience the Karaoke and meet new friends! Currently Tuesday's evenings 6-9pm at the Marina. Spectators are welcomed too! Dawnmarie Tomsi

## Shuffleboard Club



The Shuffleboard Club is a very active group, indeed! Not only do we play shuffleboard amongst ourselves on a regular basis, we also play socially against members of other shuffleboard clubs in the surrounding area.

In addition, as our club is a member of the Florida Shuffleboard Association, we play in Florida Northern District and Florida State, Tournaments. If you want to join us for either social play, or if you have a competitive spirit and wish to be challenged by some of the best players in the region, we welcome you.

Come and learn about this wonderful game every Saturday morning at 9:30. The results of recent tournaments played by our club members is posted in the Ken Jones Center. Len Johnson

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

This beautiful Holiday community of ours was first brought to life 56 YEARS AGO! It was originally founded as a high-quality campground working in conjunction with the Holiday Inn 😉 The owners back in 1969 (Paul & Anne Callaway) said "We intend to make something special there" and started getting bids to develop the park. Anne chose the bird names for the streets at the time! It was then that the construction company dug out the Big Cypress Creek canal for our Marina, which connected our sweet little park over to Lake Harris. Some of the amenities started, and the cloverleaf swimming pool was a "one of a kind"! Holiday Inn wanted something special and even used our pool in various Holiday Inn promotions in the years to follow! The official grand opening of our park was held March 21, 1971. The facilities included the office building, mailroom building, 6 comfort stations, laundromat, mini golf course, 243 sites, one well and the cloverleaf pool. A country music band performed from 8am to 8pm that day! An anniversary celebration happened again every ten years starting on March 21, 1981.

There were several pinball machines in an open breezeway where the billiards room is now. Very few residents had telephones. There were no individual electric meters. The interior roads here at Holiday were unpaved. A train track was located between our park and Cty Rd 33. Each morning at 5:58am the loud whistle would awaken most people here. That train was mostly hauling oranges over to the Coca Cola plant in Leesburg! At that time, our park was a family park with several families living here and 11 schoolage children. Some of the residents were volunteer firefighters and there was a fire engine in our community.

There were no organized games back in the day, but there was a sitting room in the main office, which included a coffee pot, television set, fireplace and a convenience store. The office was open until 10pm the and the office manager would organize games for the children. Hayrides were popular! Individual campfires were not allowed, but a fire circle was built outside where the Leisure Center is now. Each ladies' restroom had music playing, a Coke machine, telephone booth and a drinking fountain! The park fee was \$50 back in 1974/75. In 1975, a boat club was organized. The first craft show was held on the first Friday & Saturday in 1978 on tables set-up inside and outside of the mailroom area. Later on, even tents were used for craft shows. Then in the late 70's our park switched over to retirees and really started growing in leaps and bounds! More to come later!

Love the history and the community!

I'm in the office 9-5 Monday through Friday and by appointment on the weekends for your Holiday RV Park home sales and listings. Kathryn Andrews 352-204-8941



#### Kindness For Kids

The Clown Club's collection of clothing for the Leesburg Elementary School children was completed at the end of February. As of today, the Holiday Clown Club has collected through shows and donations at HRV over \$1055, and 546 items of children's clothing for the Kindness For Kids program. Programs like "Whine and Laughter", which was February 21, provides us the support we need to help the local communities. Thank you for your support - your generosity is greatly appreciated by these students!!

## Non-Denominational Church Service at the Marina

Tony & Vanessa Derrico have been attending Discovery Church, in Orlando, for 20 years. They are now having the church service live-streamed at the Marina on Sundays at 10 a.m. and are inviting residents to join them.

For all of 2025, Discovery Church will be in a series called Heaven to Heaven, which will be sharing stories of Jesus's life and how those teachings can be applied to your life today.

To learn more about Discovery Church visit DiscoveryChurch.org

## Pray the Rosary

It was so good to see so many come to say the rosary. March 5 is the beginning of lent. Saying the Rosary is a good Lenten devotion.

Come join us every Tuesday 4 PM at the marina. March will be our last month to say the Rosary together. Continue saying the Rosary until we meet again next season. Have a great summer! Rose Stanek

## **Holiday Clowns**



We are so excited to welcome our two new clowns that celebrated their graduation at our Clown Show! Zobo (Blanch Rose) and Ducky (Nancy Gaff) made their first debut, and we are looking forward to seeing many more of their appearances and antics!

The clowns would like to thank you for your very generous contributions and huge success and support at the "Whine and Laughter" Clown Show! We hope you all had just as much fun as we did entertaining you. Leesburg Elementary School students will benefit greatly from your generosity!

Our next meetings will be Friday, March 7 and 21 at 1 pm at the Marina. We would love for you to join us!

## Flamingo Flocking

The Holiday clown club is continuing flamingo flocking. In the dark of night the clowns will put a flock of flamingos on the lawn of your choice to celebrate a birthday or any other occasion. A THREE DAY NOTICE IS NEEDED. Put \$10.00 cash in an envelope along with the pink form, found in post office, and send to Jean Hoffman W 55.

Flocking supports, the women's shelter, human society and Leesburg Elementary School. Flocking makes all happy, the person receiving the birds, the person giving the gift, the clown and of course our benevolent causes who receive 100% of the donations.









## **Happy Holiday Kayakers**

Ozzie Osborn



Our weekly outings with our group leave from the Park Entrance parking lot at 8:00 am (unless otherwise stated) for March. This month's regularly scheduled outings are as follows:

Thursday – 3/6 Silver Springs with Lunch-Mojo's Silver Springs

Wednesday - 3/12 McDonald Canal Boat Ramp with Lunch-Mary's Kitchen

Wednesday - 3/26 Weeki Wachee Springs with Bayport Inn

Our special kayak events this month include:

Thursday – 3/13 Full Moon Paddle - Marina launching by 7 pm – Preregistration required! Wednesday - 3/19 Brevard County Zoo Road Trip. This is open to everyone as we are leaving our kayaks home to visit the Zoo and rent kayaks there to enjoy a guided paddle among the animals. Kayak rental is not required to join us to enjoy the Zoo. Zoo entrance fee is \$27.95-32.95 & Africa Guided kayak tour is \$12.95. If we get enough interest, we may get a group rate!

March 20, 10am., We will have a Kayak Safety Seminar & Kayak Inspection by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 43. We will post more details as they are secure. This is a free event.

Cancellation due to inclement weather will be posted at least ½ hour prior to departure time. When our adventures go outside the Park, we encourage ride & transportation shares to decrease the vehicles as well as to assist those with transportation needs for people &/or crafts. If you plan to join us &/or require transportation assistance of person &/or craft, you must notify us by 5 pm the day before the scheduled paddle. The trips normally involve a 2 to 4-hour paddle, & we plan a lunch stop afterwards at a local restaurant. We need headcount for restaurant reservations.

All crafts must have a life jacket, paddle & whistle. We strongly encourage dressing in layers, sunscreen, water & snacks in reusable containers. A dry change of clothes is also a good idea to keep in transport vehicle. We do request emergency contact information for anyone paddling with us, just in case. If you are not using a kayak & might be interested in loaning &/or selling, please give us your details. We would like to remind everyone they can join the Holiday Yacht Club, if you have a kayak in the Park. This is another great group of people in our HRV community.

For more information or questions:

Ozzie & Ruth Visit E142 or Text (518)669-3337 ozzieruth@gmail.com



## All About Softball

#### 2025 Softball Hall of Fame

The Holiday Village Softball Association has announced their 2025 Class for their Hall of Fame. This year's inductees will be Bill Mallory and Bobby Warner.

Bill Mallory started playing softball in 2009. Bill's first team was Holiday Travel Resort ICE. Bill went on to be the coordinator of ICE and has even changed the name to Just 4 Fun. They continue to play on Sundays at 1:00pm. Bill has been the HVSA President for the past 9 years. Bill guided the softball association through some challenging times. He had the challenge of the proposal of moving the current location of the softball field, updating HVSA by-laws and filing for softball to be a not-for-profit organization. Bill and Garnetta have been in charge of the sponsor banner program that raises money for the softball program. Bill and Garnetta are also long-time announcers for softball.

Bobby Warner was nominated by four different people for the Holiday Village Softball Hall of Fame. Bobby has been playing softball for over 20 years. He has played with almost every Hall of Famer and was always one of the fastest players on his teams. Bobby has coached the 70s team and has been an assistant coach for many other teams. Bobby was a big contributor to the start of the old snack shack back in 2013. Bobby and Donna Sutton would keep the food stocked and donate time working in the snack shack. Bobby loves telling stories and can be heard at the ballfield telling "long stories short" in his words.

Both gentlemen will be inducted on Tuesday, March 4th at 6:00pm at the activity center. The Holiday Village Softball Hall of Fame was created in 2015.

The first two inductees were Gaylord Gardner and Warren Thompson, both inducted in 2016. There has been a total of 20 inductees since its inception.

#### Sun and Fun & Spruce Creek Leagues

Players from the Holiday Village Softball teams recently participated in the Sun and Fun League All-Star games at Spruce Creek. Division 6A had to play at 8:00am. Their team lost a close game by one run and was represented well by Jack Barnes and Karen and Todd Kelpin. They all had a couple hits each in the loss. Division 3 won their All-Star game by a score of 19-8. Bob Frank, Tony Hauser, Byron Patterson and Jack Brooks all had 3 hits each. Division 2 won their game 23-13 and was represented by Tony Derrico, Mick DeHart, Dennis Biddle and Tim Sturgeon. They all had 3 hits each including a homerun by Mick DeHart

#### **March Tournaments**

The month of March is tournament time for Holiday Village Softball. The first week, March 3-7, will be tournament week for the Lakes League. Our own Holiday Redhawks will be hosting the B Division tournament. We look forward to seeing our fans support our Redhawks. The second week, March 10-14, will be the Ladies tournament to be held at Stonecrest. The third week, March 17-21, will be the Sun and Fun tournament. Divisions 2 & 3 will be playing their games at Del Webb. Division 6A will be playing at Hawthorne. The last week in March is always held for the 70s League and information will be coming out soon for that tournament.

Thank you to all of our softball fans for your loyal support all year long.

John Bistor HVSA Vice President

## February Meetings

## Manager Q&A

Donna will be in the Activity Center Thursday March 20th at 11:30am and 6 pm to provide any updates she may have followed up by answering questions you may have. Come prepared with questions.

## **Resident Fund Meeting RFC**

Wednesday, March 5th at 2pm in Activity Center. This is an open meeting to discuss current and upcoming agendas to better the community. If you have put in a request to the RFC, you must attend the meeting.

## **Ambassador Meeting**

The Ambassador Meeting will follow the Resident Fund Meeting on March 5th at 3 pm. We will discuss signing up for next year's/season class, club, group, program here at HRV. Suggestions are also always welcome at these meetings. We encourage all ambassadors to attend, if you miss it, please check in with Pat in the Lifestyle Office for a printed agenda so that no important information is possibly missed.

#### Notes!



## Senior Adventures, Inc.

352-753-5404 www.senioradventures.net

#### Sylvia - Thursday March 13, 2025 \$111pp

Greg and Kate have moved to Manhattan after 22 years of child-raising in the suburbs. Greg's career as a financial trader is winding down while Kate's career as a schoolteacher is beginning to offer her more opportunities. Greg brings home a dog he found in the park named Sylvia. Sylvia thinks Kate just doesn't understand a relationship between man and dog. A modern romantic comedy about a marriage and a dog. Includes an 11:00am buffet lunch, reserved seats for a 1:00pm comedy show and meal gratuity at the Early Bird Dinner Theater, Clearwater. Non-Refundable

#### Grease - Saturday April 19, 202513, 2025 \$112pp

It's electrifying! Get ready for time-traveling, hip shaking, heart pounding extravaganza with Grease-where the 50's come alive on a rollicking journey!

Book through Senior Adventures, the bus will pick you up right from Holiday!

Senior Adventures, Inc. tour listings are available at the Ken Jones building, the Lifestyle Office, and online at www.senioradventures.net

## SkyMed

Do you know how you would get your RV home if you had a medical emergency while traveling? SkyMed offers emergency transportation, plus much more. Come and find out about this program on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 10 AM in the Activity Center. Come early and enjoy free donuts!



#### GETTING THE PRICE RIGHT!

Many times, the difference between "For Sale" and "SOLD"

Is how well you price your home.

Here are some ideas to think about before you price your home.

#### Factors that typically do not affect the price of your home:

- · What you paid for your home
- · The profit you wish to make
- · The amount you've spent on improving your home
- · What neighbors, family & friends say

#### Factors that absolutely influence the price of your home:

- · The current real estate market
- · Hard facts size, condition, make & year
- · Desirability location, community & amenities
- · Strong marketing
- · Expertise of your sales consultant
- · Seller's Motivation

#### Problems with overpricing:

- · Buyers won't take you seriously and think you are out of touch
- · Fewer showings due to the buyer's own market research
- · You may get low offers
- · If the home does not appraise then the buyer can't secure a loan
- · Eventually, you may have to reduce your price in order to sell
- · Losing valuable time



We have a "Spring Special" going on right now! This home is only \$69,900, this is about \$50K under MSRP!

It would be even better if one of your friends from up-north nabbed this one 😌

If that were to happen -- you would both get \$1000 because of our Win-Win Referral Program! (Make sure to follow the guidelines to get that \$\$\$, call me, I will help you!) I can be reached at 352-204-8941.

Have a great day at Holiday!







Articles for the April 2025 newsletter are due in the Lifestyles email inbox no later than 5pm, March 15, 2025.

Articles must be submitted via email to holidayrvactivities@covecommunities.com



In a blink of an eye February is gone! I had asked to make February our best and everyone stepped up and did it! Thank you. We had residents volunteering, activity groups helping with set ups and clean-up after events and sold-out dances that went smoothly, and I think everyone had a great time! Special thanks to Tina Augstine and Maryann Tompkin for organizing, cleaning, and decorating events. And, to the Cornhole group for their help in setting up and taking down tables as needed! It's an amazing thing to see a community come together and make things happen.

I've learned a lot over the last few months in this new endeavor. The people in this park are amazing. We lift each other up in spirit and faith. We hold each other accountable to a higher standard and the outcome is more joy in our lives, memorable moments to cherish, and new friends to add and grow as a community and family.

Some think they don't grow as you age, but here at Holiday we continue to grow in many ways; in relationships, learning new skills with games and crafts, active with sports, discovering new places around us and learning new information through speaking events. We are truly blessed as a community. I'm grateful to be here and for all of you.

Marching on into March! We've loaded the month full of talented entertainment, a whole new line-up of food trucks, fundraisers, and of course the Cove's got Talent finale! With over 50 activities throughout the week, professional shows and events, I think we have a lot to offer for everyone. It makes sense when I hear so many stories about people who have moved away from here, only to come back here for all the things to do plus the community itself.

Our 'winter' season is coming to an end for some, but before we say farewell to our snowbird friends and family, we're adding more fun to make this the most memorable season ever! April 5 will be our season finale party, and it will be a blast! Get your hippie outfit dusted off because we're having a Hippie Fest, so let's party!

# Upcoming Event Highlights

4-5-25 Hippie Fest followed by Mark Christy / Dance

4-11-25 Overtime Express Band / Dance

4-12-25 Out of the Blue / Show

4-18-25 Good Friday Service

4-20-25 Easter Dinner / Potluck / Ham provided/ Signup at Lifestyle office

We're still adding exciting new shows & activities for April! Watch for flyers at our Lifestyle Office and/or like and follow us on



Facebook: Holiday RV Park for updates!

Tons of activities for you!

Limited space at the Activity Center.

Get your tickets early!

Pat Wheaton & Kelly Frank Your Holiday RV Lifestyle Team!