

December 2025



**Cypress Lakes Village**  
A COVE COMMUNITY

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**Big Cypress**  
GOLF CLUB

*Happy Holidays*



## From the Manager's Desk - Community Manager Robert Parody, CCM

Dear Residents,

In an effort to enhance your experience and increase the value of your Social Membership, we're excited to announce several new benefits. These enhancements are designed to offer more savings, convenience, and opportunities to connect with fellow members.

New Benefits Include:

- Grill Discounts – Enjoy 10% off Food Purchases
- Golf Discounts – Receive 10% off Green Fees
- Merchandise Savings – Get 10% off Select Golf Shop Merchandise
- Charging Privileges – Conveniently Charge Purchases Without Carrying Cash or Cards
- Grill Voucher – A \$50 Grill Voucher Per Household

These additions are designed to make your membership more rewarding and enjoyable throughout the year.

Please note, the annual Social Membership fee will increase to \$100, billed every January. Current Social Members and new members will be billed at a prorated rate of \$50 for the remainder of 2025.

We remain committed to continually improving your experience and exceeding your expectations.

Thank you for being a valued member of Cypress Lakes Village!

### WELCOME JADA - LIFESTYLE MANAGER



"I'm Jada and I'm 22 years old, this December I graduate with my bachelors in business supervision and management. I've always had a heart for serving others and being creative. Outside of work, I own a wedding photography business where I get to combine my love for people, weddings, and details to make the day beautiful! I love making others feel seen or valued. When I'm not at a wedding, you can probably find me chasing my next iced coffee! I'm so excited to be here!"



### CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET?

Shhhhhh don't let the cat out of the bag

Dec 16th Becky at the Administration bldg will be here 20yrs!!!

Please stop in throughout the day to say hello, congratulations, cards or well wishes for her anytime between 10am-4pm

Shhhhh!!!! Shhhhhh!!!! Keep a secret! Shhhhhh!

The "Cypress Lakes Village Newsletter" is published monthly for its residents and guests. It is intended for information only, and is not a forum for individual opinion. Articles written for publication will be selected and edited for space and readability by the Activities Office. Newsletter deadline is the 10th of each month

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## From The Lifestyles Office

### LIFESTYLE OFFICE HOURS

863-859-2136 M-F 9:00am-2:30pm

Fax \$1.00 per page

Copies B&W \$.10 & Color \$.15

Our Email:

cypresslakesactivities@covecommunities.com

### ADMISSIONS/SALES OFFICE HOURS 863-859-1431

Monday – Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday - 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday 11:00am to 4:00pm

Notary Services Available \$5/stamp (call to make an appointment)

### ACCOUNTING OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm

### Nails by Shauna

Manicures & Pedicures in (PR) Tuesdays. Call to schedule appointments 863-430-9333.

No acrylic or gel. Manicures \$25 Pedicures \$30

### New Life Veterinary Clinic

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month in the Palm Room. Call to schedule an appt. 863-858-2252

### OneBlood

December 18 11am - 5pm Garden Walk Parking Lot



Come and join us on a one of a kind tour! Today, we will visit the incredible Mazzaro's Italian Market! Mazzaro's is an Italian cuisine fine food market located in St. Petersburg, Florida. It hosts wine tastings and book signings. It is known for its cheeses, olives, deli sandwiches, bakery items, handmade pastas and pre-made dishes. Next, we will head to Carrabba's for a delicious Italian lunch. After lunch we will head over to Sunken Gardens, a historic botanical garden located in St. Petersburg, Florida, known for its lush tropical foliage, diverse plant life, and vibrant bird displays. Originally established in 1903 by George Turner, Sr., a plumber who transformed a sinkhole into a garden, it evolved into one of Florida's oldest roadside attractions. Today, it is a popular destination featuring over 50,000 tropical plants, including orchids, bromeliads, and cycads, along with vibrant wildlife like flamingos and parrots. Activity Level 2

**Cost: \$99.00pp**

- Tour Includes:
- R/T Transportation
  - Lunch, Tax & Gratuity
  - Admission & Private Tour of Sunken Gardens
  - Driver Gratuity

Motor Coach departs the Clubhouse at 7:45am and returns at 9:45pm  
Make checks payable to Small World Tours  
**No refunds after 01.02.26**  
**Last day to sign up & pay is 01-02-26**  
Tickets are transferable.



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Contact: Makenna Fleming in the Activities Office  
Phone: 863 859-2136 X 131  
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### DECEMBER LUNCH & LEARNS

SIGN UP NOW IN THE LIFESTYLE OFFICE



Dec. 3rd at 12:00: Cathy Stokes Lake  
Gibson Village  
Arts & Crafts Room



Dec. 10th at 12:00: Rosemarie with Travis  
Walker Law  
Arts & Crafts Room



Dec. 17th at 12:00: Jenna Kowalski with  
Vital Caring  
Arts & Crafts Room

## NATIONAL HOT COCOA DAY



To celebrate National Hot Cocoa Day, Michele Cage with Tessier Law Firm will be passing out FREE Hot Cocoa Kits in the Main Hall Lobby!



**December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**12:00 p.m. Main Hall Lobby**  
\*while supplies lasts\*





## From The Lifestyles Office

### HOME OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Terry and Lynnette Mattison at 9920 Killdeer Lane for being selected as December's Home of the Month! Terry and Lynnette made the move to Cypress Lakes back in 2018, relocating from up north. Jacksonville, FL. After exploring other communities, they quickly realized that Cypress Lakes stood out above the rest. The abundance of wildlife, the peaceful atmosphere, and the overall charm of the neighborhood made it instantly feel like home. If their shirts didn't give it away, Terry and Lynnette love cheering on their granddaughter at her swim meets, and here in the community they enjoy keeping their porch decorated for every season and taking golf cart rides around the neighborhood. Their home reflects the care and pride they put into it, and if this is what it looks like after seven years, we can't wait to see what the future holds!



### DILLARD'S FASHION SHOW

#### THANK YOU MODELS



Michelle, Dee, Monica, Julie, Phyllis, Cindi, Bonnie, Michelle Sandy, Celia, Mo & Kathy





# Fitness Center Calendar

Fitness Center Aerobics Room Schedule December 2025  
 Fitness Instructors: Maddy-Mon, Tues, Thurs & Mary-Wed & Fri  
 Tai Chi Instructors: Dave Tues Fitness Center & Wed Cypress Room  
 Water Aerobics Mon - Sat Pool 1 (Lap Pool) 8:30am Aqua Tabata Pool 2



| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| <b><u>Maddy</u></b><br>Yoga<br>7:50am<br><br>Strength<br>Training<br>8:00am<br><br>Cardio & Abs<br>9:00am<br><br>Balance & Core<br>10:00am<br><br>Sit & Fit<br>10:50am<br><br>Chair Yoga<br>11:30am<br><br>Aqua Cardio<br>12:10am | <b><u>Maddy</u></b><br>Yoga<br>7:50am<br><br>Strength<br>Training<br>8:00am<br><br>Cardio & Abs<br>9:00am<br><br>Balance & Core<br>10:00am<br><br>Sit & Fit<br>10:50am<br><br>Aqua Cardio<br>11:30am<br><br><b><u>Martial Arts</u></b><br>2:00 pm - 4:00<br>pm (FC) | <b><u>Mary</u></b><br>Yoga<br>7:15am<br><br>Intro Step Class<br>8:15am<br><br>Step<br>8:45am<br><br>Pound<br>9:30am<br><br>Senior Circuit<br>10:30am<br><br>Chair Yoga<br>11:30am<br><br>Aqua Tabata<br>1:00pm Pool 2 | <b><u>Maddy</u></b><br>Yoga<br>7:50am<br><br>Strength<br>Training<br>8:00am<br><br>Cardio & Abs<br>9:00am<br><br>Balance & Core<br>10:00am<br><br>Sit & Fit<br>10:50am<br><br>Aqua Cardio<br>11:30am<br><br><b><u>Janet</u></b><br>Rockettes<br>Dance<br>11:30am | <b><u>Mary</u></b><br>Yoga<br>7:15am<br><br>Intro Step Class<br>8:15am<br><br>Step<br>8:45am<br><br>Pound<br>9:30am<br><br>Senior Circuit<br>10:30am<br><br>Chair Yoga<br>11:30am<br><br><b><u>Martial Arts</u></b><br>1:30 pm - 3:00<br>pm (FC)<br><br>Ping Pong<br>5:00pm | Videos available<br>under the counter<br>by back window<br>facing golf course<br>Shuffle Board<br>sticks for residents<br>are located in the<br>Fitness Center<br><br><b><u>Wendy/Lynn</u></b><br>Aqua Tabata<br>1:00pm Pool 2<br><br><b><u>Martial Arts</u></b><br>2:00 pm - 4:00<br>pm (FC)<br><br><b><u>PING PONG</u></b><br>As our snowbirds start returning,<br>we enjoy greeting old and new<br>ping pongers. We meet on<br>Mondays and Thursdays at 5:00 in<br>the Aerobics room of the Fitness<br>Center. All equipment provided at<br>no charge.<br><i>Any questions? Anne Bernat 816-1671.</i> |
| <b><u>Janet</u></b><br>Beginners Line<br>Dance<br>1:00pm<br><br>Ping Pong<br>5:00pm   | <b><u>Dave</u></b><br>Beginner Tai Chi<br>7pm (FC)  | <b><u>Dave</u></b><br>Tai Chi<br>10:30 am CR<br><br><b><u>Janet</u></b><br>Intmd. Line<br>Dance<br>12:00pm<br><br>Rockettes<br>Dance<br>1:00pm  |  |   |  |



# Clubhouse Calendar of Events

## Sunday Events:

Bible Study 9:30am CR  
Fellowship Services 11am MH  
Sewing Group Mini Craft Fair  
10am-1pm A&C Dec 7  
Kettle Corn 11am-1pm GWPL Dec 14  
RV Club 2:00pm A&C Dec 7  
Tuck 6pm CR



## Wednesday Events:

Residents Coffee Talk 8:00 MH 2nd Wed  
New Life Veterinary Clinic 9am PR Dec 17

**\*\*Educational Events (see below)**

Chess Club 9:00 OR  
Ladies Bible Study 10am A&C  
Mahjong 12pm OR  
Cribbage 1pm CR  
Garden Club 3pm A&C Dec 17  
Book Club 3:15pm OR Dec 3  
RC Club 4:00pm A&C Dec 10  
Poker 6pm MR  
Conservative Club 6:30pm MH Dec 10  
Shuffleboard 7pm  
New Year's Eve Dance 8:30pm MH



## **\*\*Educational & Special Events**

Lake Gibson with Cathy Stokes  
12:00pm December 3<sup>rd</sup> Arts & Crafts Room

Travis Walker Law  
12:00pm December 10<sup>th</sup> Arts & Crafts Room

National Hot Coco Day - Sponsored by  
The Tessier Law Firm  
12:00pm December 12<sup>th</sup> Clubhouse Lobby  
*\*while supplies last\**

Vital Caring with Jenna Kowalski  
12:00pm December 17<sup>th</sup> Arts & Crafts Room



## Monday Events:

Sewing & Craft Group 9:30am A&C  
Ladies Prayer Fellowship 10am CR  
Sewing Group Mini Craft Fair  
9:30am-12:30pm A&C Dec 8  
Poker 12:00pm  
Hand Knee & Foot 12:pm & 6pm OR  
Food Truck 5-7pm GWPL Dec 15  
Bridge 6:30pm CR  
Texas Hold'Em 6pm  
Shuffleboard 7pm



## Thursday Events:

Bocce Ball 9am  
OneBlood 11am-5pm GW Dec 18  
Bonsai Club 12pm MH Dec 11  
Hand Knee & Foot  
12pm & 6pm OR  
Stamping/Card Class 1pm A&C  
Poker 1pm MR  
Diamond Painting 3:30pm A&C  
1st & 3rd Thurs  
Cornhole 4:45pm Shuffleboard Courts  
Singles Club 4pm 2nd Thurs A&C  
Travel Club 4pm CR Dec 18  
Golf Cart Caroling / Ice Cream Social  
5pm PL & MH Dec 11  
Euchre 6pm CR  
Rosary Group 7pm HCH



## **Ticket Sales**

19th Holers: Dec & Jan Events  
12/8: 9am-Noon, 12/9 & 12/10: 9am-11am  
01/5: 9am-Noon, 01/6 & 01/7: 9am-11am

Dog Park - Comedy Night  
12/8: 4-7pm, 12/10: 9am-Noon,  
12/15:10am-1pm & 12/18: 1-4pm

Entertainment Committee  
Annual Christmas Dance 12/3: 9am-12pm  
Save your place in line 12/3: 7-7:30am

Entertainment Committee  
New Year's Eve Dance 12/17: 9am-12pm  
Save your place in line 12/17: 7-7:30am

Gospel Nights - Christmas Concert  
12/8, 12/10 & 12/15: 9am-11am

## Tuesday Events:

Bocce Ball 9:30am  
CAP No Meeting in Dec  
Art Club 1pm A&C  
Music Club 1pm MH or OR  
Cue Club 4:30 BR  
Pitch Card Game 7pm NCH  
Bingo 7pm Dec 2, 9 & 16 MH  
Hot dogs 5:30-6:30pm MH  
1st & 3rd Tue  
Bake Sale 5:30pm-6:30pm 1st & 3rd  
Tues MH  
Christmas Golf Cart Parade  
Lineup 5pm Dec 23  
Trivial Pursuit 7pm  
Cigars & Friends 6pm 2nd Tue  
Firepit



## Friday Events:

Lakeland Produce 10:30am-2:30pm  
Dice Games 10am OR  
Learn To Quilt 1pm A&C  
Shanghai Rummy 12:00pm OR  
Gun Club 1pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri PR  
Whippersnappers 4:00pm NCH  
Shanghai Rummy 6pm OR  
Cribbage 7:00pm CR  
Shuffleboard 7pm  
Tree Lighting 7:00pm MH Dec 5  
Christmas Dance 6:30pm MH Dec 12



## Saturday Events:

Pancake Breakfast 7am-9am  
MH Dec 1  
RC Race 9:30am GW Dec 13  
Bocce Ball 9:30am  
Sew Much Fun 9:30am  
A&C 3rd Sat  
Dog Park Pictures w/ Mrs. Claus  
10am Clubhouse Lobby Dec 6  
Rummikub 1pm OR  
Gospel Night Christmas  
Concert 6:30 MH Dec 20  
Mexican Train 7pm CR



## Clubs & Activities

### CYPRESS LAKES VILLAGE VETERANS ASSOCIATION (CLVA)

Our next General Membership meeting is December 17th, 2025, at 7:00pm.

Flight to Honor Mission #11 is scheduled to take place in early May. All Veterans are eligible to apply for the Mission, provided they have not been on a previous Mission.

If you are a veteran of an allied country, you are eligible to join our organization. Pick up an application in the Oak Room across from the Activities Office or contact Donna McCormack at 315-842-5543.

Let Dave Glassburn know if you have anything to donate to Talbot House. They can use clothes, shoes, work boots and bikes. Also talk to Dave about volunteering to serve meals at Talbot House. Please call David at 941-626-0757 or email [rosendave1@icloud.com](mailto:rosendave1@icloud.com) to donate items.

Is your Flag torn or tattered, contact Bob Collins at 727-687-1178 to obtain a new one.

We had our Flag Retirement Saturday October 26th, 2025. At that time 143 USA Flags, 3 Canadian Flags, 1 POW Flag, 1 US Army Flag, 1 US Navy Flag, 1 US Air Force Flag, 1 British Flag and 3 State of Florida Flags were retired with respect and honor as they should be. I want to thank the following for being a part of this honorable ceremony, Tim Michaud, George Daniels, Dave Glassburn, Jerry Lage, Craig McKeever, Marco Oliveri, Donna MacCormick, Marcel Fillion, Bob Collins, Marty Herring, Jack Carter, Joanne Arnold (CLVAA) and Ed Bahrenburg (Civilian).

All CLVA members please join Cypress Lakes Veterans Association Facebook page for all our important dates and upcoming events.

*Bob Collins, CLVA Secretary*

### CYPRESS LAKES VILLAGE VETERANS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY (CLVAA)

The Holiday Season is upon us and the nice thing about living here in Cypress Lakes is that we can be out and about to enjoy our beautiful weather.

Well, there are plenty of things keeping us busy this time of year. Our Christmas party for our members will be held on Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 630pm during our regular general meeting. Reminder to our members – don't forget the plate of your favorite Christmas goodies if you "insist" on bringing something. The auxiliary is providing the "savory" bites along with drinks to share.

Remember to stop by our baked goods table on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays where we offer goodies to go with our Hot Dog Sales for Bingo night. Who says you can't eat dessert first.

We want to thank everyone who joined us November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day, for breakfast at the grill honoring our veterans. A good time was had by all. These funds will go to support St Vincent de Paul Cares. We liked to thank Cove for their contributions for this event.

At this time, we want to wish everyone in the Community a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season. We wish you many happy and healthy times now and in the future.

Remember – given the opportunity – thank our military personnel for their service.

*Debbie Rondeau – CLVAA Secretary*



CYPRESS LAKES VILLAGE  
RESIDENT  
EMAIL LIST \*To subscribe:



Email to [cypresslakesresort+owner@groups.io](mailto:cypresslakesresort+owner@groups.io) from your primary email account.

Put in subject: Membership Request.

In the body of the email include your full name (first and last), Cypress Lakes Address and a phone number. Without that information we cannot give you membership.

We will send you an invitation to your email. Your reply to the invitation email is your acceptance. You will start receiving the group emails.

To post a message to the group, write your message and send it to [cypresslakesresort@groups.io](mailto:cypresslakesresort@groups.io)

If everything in your message follows the rules, it will be approved and sent. \*To unsubscribe, send an email to: [cypresslakesresort+unsubscribe@groups.io](mailto:cypresslakesresort+unsubscribe@groups.io). Any questions please contact Ed Moser 863-248-4130



Flight to Honor Polk was established in January 2015 and is based in Polk County. However, any eligible veteran is welcome to apply for Flight to Honor flight. Priority is

given to those with severe medical conditions followed by World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans.

## Clubs & Activities

### **BINGO**

Join us for Bingo!

Tuesday, December 2, 9, 16 (No Bingo Dec 23 & 30)

All residents are welcome to play and their house guests – 18 years and older. We play 10 games of regular bingo, 6 bonus games, and 3 jackpot games. More attendees means bigger payouts!

Tuesday, Dec. 9 we will be collecting canned or non-perishable food. Bring a canned or non-perishable food item and receive a bingo card for a special game. (You will only receive 1 card for the food you bring.) The game will be played the first game of the evening and it will be a coverall paying \$50. The food is donated to a local food bank.

The doors open at 5 pm with card sales beginning at 5:30 pm until 6:45 pm. (We cannot accept any bill larger than a \$20 bill.) Bingo begins at 7 pm.

Our card packet prices are:

3 on a page: \$5    6 on a page: \$10    9 on a page: \$15

3 jackpot specials: \$1 per card

The CLVAA will be selling hot dogs, chips, drinks and baked goods Dec 2 and 16 from the kitchen beginning at 5:30. Come and join us for dinner with friends before bingo!

The Dog Park Committee will be selling baked goods and other goodies on December 9.

We hope to see you at Bingo!

*Patti Wagner (814) 558-6311*

### **GUN CLUB**

The Cypress Lakes Gun Club. On the 3rd Wednesday of every month we meet in the parking lot behind the flags at 8:45am and leave at 9:00am for our shooting range day.

On the 3rd Friday of every month, at 1:00 pm, in the Palm Room for our club meeting. If you are interested in organized firearm shooting, safe handling and the proper care of firearms and improved marksmanship, please join us. If you have any questions please feel free to call

*Mike Coduto, VP Cypress Lake Gun Club at 1-863-616-3966.*

### **MUSIC CLUB**

Come join us every Tuesday at 1:00pm in the Main Hall. Bring your instruments and expect a fun, creative afternoon each week.

*Bill Rowland 321-698-9969 row7@earthlink.net*

### **CONSERVATIVE CLUB**

We will hold our Annual Christmas Party on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Main Hall. The party includes a fully catered meal catered by Tim Hughes.

General Steven Kwast (prior US Space Force) will be joining us. He is currently the CEO of a satellite company known as "Space-Bilt" (<https://spacebilt.net/>). Other guest speakers include: Colonel Roxane Towner-Watkins, and brothers Brian Cates and Duane Cates.

- Tickets have been pre-sold for the party in November, but you can check with us to see if there are any tickets still available
- Annual Club Dues for 2026 (\$10.) can be paid at this meeting (cash only please)
- Election of our Club Board members for 2026 -2028 will also take place (a brief process)
- Other than that... we will have our usual good Holiday fun !!

*Questions: Contact Vida McCullough at 904 434 0813 or [clrepclub@protonmail.com](mailto:clrepclub@protonmail.com)*

### **PROGRESSIVE CLUB**

Progressive club meeting Wednesday, January 7 at 6:30 PM.

Before finalizing our 2026 speakers, we want to hear from you! What topics do you want to explore? What issues do you want to understand better?

Bring your ideas to our January meeting, where we'll plan together for an engaging year ahead.

*Anne Van Hulse. [annevanhulse@yahoo.com](mailto:annevanhulse@yahoo.com)*

*Janet McClelland [jmcc623@gmail.com](mailto:jmcc623@gmail.com)*

### **RV CLUB**

The RV Club will be meeting Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> in the Arts & Crafts Room at 2pm. *Contact is Dottie Bahrenburg*



Ebenezer Scrooge's famous line "Bah Humbug" almost never existed. Charles Dickens' initial choice was "Bah Christmas". Glad he changed it.



## Clubs & Activities

### CURTAIN TIME PLAYERS

With December upon us, we here at Curtain Time Players want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

Please be sure to look for members of our group at the annual tree lighting ceremony. We will be presenting a skit and we know you will enjoy it. Also, if you are interested in getting more involved with the group please come on out for our February show "Trial of The Wicked Witch". Auditions will be December 15 from 3:00 to 6:00 in the main hall.

In light of this upcoming activity we continue to look for new people to get involved with our community theater group and while we have recently become a membership organization, yearly dues are only \$5.00 and you even get an exciting tote perfect for carrying your script!

In addition to being on stage, there are plenty of off stage activities you can get involved in. In fact we are currently searching for a volunteer videographer to record our upcoming shows. Also, we are always on the lookout for musicians to become involved. If interested call Cliff Greene at the number listed below.

We normally hold our monthly meetings in the Cypress Room on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 4:00. Check the community email for any changes to this schedule.

*For questions or for more information please contact Cliff Greene, President at (732)580-3721 or cdg79@aol.com.*

### STARLIGHT CHORUS

We're so excited to let everyone know that Starlight Chorus is ready to rehearse and perform in 2026! All those who love to sing are invited to join us starting in January for rehearsals and our concert is scheduled for the last Friday in March. We hope many of our past members will return to sing with us and with so many new faces in the community we hope we see you too as part of our chorus this year. You don't need to be able to read music.....our only requirements are to love singing and attend rehearsals. There is a minimal membership fee to help cover music expenses. More information will be shared at the first rehearsal, which will be Monday, January 5, 2026 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. We look forward to seeing many of you and to sharing the love of music!!

*Beth Hollabaugh 419-630-6475*

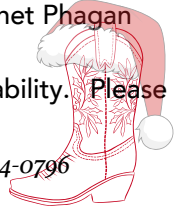


### LINE DANCE NEWS

- Monday 1:00-2:00 Beginner Line Dance with Janet Phagan \$2.00 per class
- Wednesday 12:00-1:00 Intermediate Line Dance with Janet Phagan. \$2.00 per class. 1:00-2:00 Rockettes with Janet Phagan \$2.00 per class
- Thursday 11:30 - 1:00 Rockettes with Janet Phagan \$2.00 per class.

Classes are subject to instructors availability. Please check with them if you have questions!

*Janet Phagan 678-427-6718 Sandie Wiegert 860-944-0796*



### SINGLES CLUB

Our trip to the Florida Natural Growers was very interesting & our lunch at Cherry Pocket was nothing less than wonderful.

December brings more fun things.

12/2-3, over night St. Augustine;

12/11, because of the Xmas holiday we will NOT have a meeting. Instead we will have our Members Only

Christmas Dinner at Harry's;

12/18, Busch Gardens Tour.

We would also like to start having a few overnight trips.

Please, bring your calendars & ideas and join us for a meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Arts & Crafts Room at 4:00.

There is updated information on Our Singles Bulletin Board in the Oak Rm along with sign up sheets for lunches & outings.

For more information, contact

*Lenore Foss 863-859-1138*

### STAMPING-CARD MAKING CLASS

If you enjoy paper crafting, then you might enjoy this card making class. The class meets in the Arts and Crafts Room on Thursday afternoons beginning at 1:00. Whether you are a beginner or have been making greeting cards for quite some time, you are welcome to join us. Pre-signups are required and the class fee is \$7.00. Contact Fran Chasse, if interested at 207-316-0899. Feel free to drop in during class to watch us at work. (The class schedule is posted in. the classroom.)

### DIAMOND PAINTING (ART) DIVAS -

If you are interested in diamond painting, sometimes called diamond art, find out what it is all about, join us in the A/C room on the first and third Thursdays from 3:30 - 6:00. We share ideas, help each other, and socialize.

*Trish Walthers 407-617-3586*

## Clubs & Activities

### **19TH HOLERS WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP**

*(a social group open to women of Cypress Lakes Village to join and is not golf related) Watch for events and announcements in the*

*the Oak Room.*  
Ticket Sales for December Events 12/8 9am-noon, 12/9 & 12/10 9am-11am.

12/16/25 (note third Tuesday) – Dreaming of a White Christmas Holiday Lunch. Cost: \$25. Enjoy a holiday lunch catered by Spontaneous Consumption featuring Braised Short Ribs, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Roasted Carrots, Dinner Roll/Butter, Dessert and Beverages. Vegetarian option will be Garden Stir Fry with Rice along with the vegetarian items offered with the Short Ribs. There will be an ornament exchange if you want to participate. Bring a wrapped ornament; take an ornament home. There is a \$10 spend limit on the ornament.

*Ruth Roberts – 719-686-4155*

Ticket Sales for January events will be 1/5 9am-noon, 1/6 & 1/7 9am-11am.

1/13/25 – “All About Canada” – Cost: Will be communicated on the Poster and in the January

Newsletter. Join us for an informative and festive lunch learning about and celebrating Canada. There will be a video presentation along with a delicious lunch and a yummy Canada style dessert. More information will be in the January Newsletter.

*Joan Milley – 226-345-4851*

Watch for our “Coming Soon” posters on the 19th Holers’ Bulletin Board in the Oak Room and on our FB Page.

WHEN PURCHASING TICKETS FOR AN EVENT OR MEMBERSHIP, SEPARATE PAYMENT (CHECKS OR CASH) MUST BE MADE. IF YOU ARE PURCHASING A TICKET(S) FOR OTHER MEMBERS, YOU NEED TO HAVE THEIR MEMBERSHIP CARD OR A PICTURE OF IT AT TICKET SALES.

Committee Sign Up Sheets are posted on the 19th Holers’ Bulletin Board in the Oak Room.

### **TRAVEL CLUB**

Welcome back snowbirds! This month we are going to focus on trips through Small World Tours! They are a company that is located in Haines City. Holly Griggs from Small World Tours will be our guest speaker and will be discussing featured bus trips from Cypress Lakes Village including Tampa Bay Downs, Sunken Gardens, and the Gasparilla Parade.

We will be meeting on Thursday, December 18, at 4:00pm in the Cypress Room. Everyone is welcome!

*Becky Walsh 863-712-1054*

### **SEWING AND CRAFT GROUP**

The Sewing and Craft Group have been working on items for the Craft Fair and a variety of projects. The next business meeting will be on Monday December 1st at 10:00am.

We meet on Monday mornings at 9:30am in the Arts and Crafts Room to work on many projects. Everyone is welcome to join the fun. We can always use knitters, crocheters, crafters, sewers, etc.

Thank you to everyone who has donated time or items. Any donations of fabric, yarn or notions can be brought to the Arts and Crafts Room on Monday mornings.

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!! Althea Dobbins 440-714-4082*

#### **Mini Fair**

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Located in the Arts and Crafts Room

Craft items and Bake Sale



### **LEARN TO QUILT**

Classes are every Friday 1-4pm in the Arts & Crafts Room.

*Contact: Barbara Thouvenin 330-412-4940. Beginners class*

### **SEW MUCH FUN**

We will be meeting the 3rd Saturday of every month in the Arts & Crafts Room at 9:30am. Bring your project and supplies, stay for lunch and have fun.

*Debbie Cabral 816-1653*

### **BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club will meet on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:15 in the Oak Room for a book swap and to celebrate the Holidays. Please bring a new book that is wrapped, and we will play a fun game where we can 'pick' or swap' a new book with each other. Everyone who brings a wrapped book will go home with a new book. Also, please bring an appetizer or dessert to share as we get into the Holiday mood!

All residents of Cypress Lakes are welcome to attend.

Hope to see many of you there *Chris Nelson 814-341-8399*

### **CL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**

*Call or text Sharon Hallax 813-928-3207 or*

*Gregg Nelson 407-375-0065*



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Village**  
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## Clubs & Activities

### GARDEN CLUB, YARD OF THE MONTH

Winners of the December 2025 Yard of Month are Daron & Cindy Criss of 1964 Big Cypress Blvd. You will see a well-manicured garden, with Ponytail Palm, foxtail, Flame of woods, Moss in the cradle, Hibiscus and vinca. The overall display is very pleasing to the eye. Please stop by to admire their attention to detail and care of their well-loved garden and congratulate them! We, at the Garden Club, look forward to all the beautiful ideas you will create! Remember it's your efforts to create beautiful gardens that enrich our community and make ours still one of the best of its kind anywhere. Happy Gardening! *Kathy Dunlevy, 404-387-1902*



### *CHRISTMAS FLOWERS*



Poinsettia: The Classic Christmas Flower



Holly: The Evergreen Christmas Spirit



Carnation: The Classic Holiday Bloom



Rose: Timeless Beauty

### BONSAI CLUB

Cypress Lakes Village Bonsai Club will meet on the 2nd Thursday, December 11th in the Main Hall from 12 pm to 3 pm for our regular monthly meeting. Starter trees and classes available for beginners. Bring your trees, tools, and curiosity. We also meet the other Thursday mornings for Driveway Bonsai from 9 am to 12 pm. Open to all who have an interest in the craft of growing trees in pots.

Contact Ron Sallada 863-604-5924 [rsallada@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rsallada@tampabay.rr.com)

### GARDEN CLUB - COME JOIN US!

Happy Holidays from The Garden Club.

On Wednesday December 17th we will be having our Annual Holiday Party. We will be meeting at 3pm in the Arts and Crafts room.

Please bring an appetizer to share and wear your favorite or fun Holiday sweater or shirt. We will be playing Reindeer Games so please come and join the fun. New members are always welcome.

"Gardening is cheaper than therapy, and you get tomatoes." Author Unknown.

May your garden flourish and multiply.

*Thanks, Louise Stutesman 253-228-0707*



### ART CLUB

Please feel free to try us out. We don't teach art, but we do give lots of encouragement! Art isn't just painting! Jewelry making, coloring, and drawing are also kinds of art! Bring a project that you'd like to work on. We have a few art supplies that you can borrow if need be. We meet every Tuesday 1pm-3pm in the arts and crafts room.

*Becky Walsh 863-712-1054*

## Clubs & Activities

### DOG PARK



Dog Park Bake Sale Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday - 5:30-6:30pm (Main Hall) Many thanks for your continued support. Join us for our GREAT baked goods for you and your puppy. If you can help us out by baking cookies for this sale, please contact Kat Borders, 586.382.0998.

### SANTA HAS RETIRED!!

Do not panic, Mrs. Claus will save the day! "CHRISTMAS PICTURES WITH MRS. CLAUS." will be held in the Main Hall Lobby on December 6, 2025, from 9:00 am – 12 noon. The pictures are free for the community, as a gift for your support, from your Board of Directors. Bring your fur babies to show off their best on camera. Just think how special your Christmas Cards will be this year.

### PET OF THE MONTH



Meet "CAMI JO" the proud doggie mother of 11 who loved and nurtured her babies in preparation for their new homes. She is just the sweetest Black Goldendoodle ever! One of her daughters, Chloe Grace, stayed with her and keeps her on her "paws", but after 3 years Cami Jo still babies and mothers her daughter. The love and support given to her human parent, Mary Knicely, has given Mary company, many hugs and kisses which are priceless...perhaps to both.

### COMEDY NITE

Our Annual "Comedy Nite" is now finalized. Mark the date of Feb. 5, 2026. This night will be a very special event full of fun and laughter. Our professional comedian will present "Southern Not Stupid." Why not start your Christmas shopping now? Your friends would love to get tickets under their trees. Tickets are \$20. per person with reserved seats. A variety of times for ticket sales have been set up to accommodate different schedules. Sales will be in the Lobby of the Main Hall: December 8: 4pm-7pm, Dec 10: 9am-12, Dec 15: 10am-1pm, Dec 18: 1pm-4pm New hours will continue into January. This sold-out last year, so shop early.

Janice Simmons, [fjq4@aol.com](mailto:fjq4@aol.com) or 423-943-1286

### CYPRESS LAKES RC CLUB

November was busy for your Cypress Lakes RC Club. We hosted two races...Veterans Victory Lap, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Turkey 500 and the first ever Mini Motor Expo. The Veterans Victory Lap involved Marco Oliveri (President CLVA), the CLVA Honor Guard with LIVE vocals by Laurie Maniaci and John Picciano all to pay tribute to our veterans for their sacrifice and service. The temperature was a bit "chilly" but the racing was FAST and FURIOUS. Joe P. (Yinzer) returned to the racing circuit after a brief hiatus due to shoulder surgery, glad to have you back Joe! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Turkey 500 built on a holiday tradition as drivers raced their way to the Winner's Circle for their share of the symbolic "Turkey Leg" Trophy! Racing ACTION was nothing short of Competitive and Exciting. There were no reports of Turkey injuries during the festivities.

The Mini Motor Expo (RC Car Show) was an opportunity to bring our hobby to the community "up close and personal". Attendees could meet the drivers, inspect their cars/trucks and ask questions all in an effort to attract folks to this incredible hobby. "THANKS" to the HOA Team for offering "BRUNCH" during the event. Don't believe anyone went home hungry. Our next RC Race is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reindeer Dash Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ Cypress Lakes International Speedway (9:30 AM). In conjunction with the race there will be a Golf Cart decorating contest with the theme... "Home for the Holidays", can't wait to see what you come up with. Who will "race" their way to Victory Lane to meet Santa and his reindeer to work on their "WISH" list?

Happy Holidays EVERYONE, thank you for your AMAZING support during this past year!



One of our spectators decided to DRIVE!



Having FUN at the race!



## Clubs & Activities

### PICKLEBALL FUN, FAIR AND COMPETITIVE!

Welcome Back to all of our snowbird members. Looking forward to seeing you on the courts.

Mark your calendars for several December Events. The annual Cypress Lakes Holiday Tree lighting is on December 5th. The Pickleball Club will have a tree. Please join our community for this fun event. The Pickleball Club Holiday Party will be on December 13 in the main hall. Sign up will be required. Come share a meal and enjoy the evening with your Pickleball friends. More information will follow. As you have seen the new courts are open and ready for play. We have 6 courts in the Tennis Court area, look for our yellow pickleball court lines. The 4 outer courts will remain 1-4. The two inner courts will be A and B. These may primarily be overflow courts except for leagues and tournaments. Courts A and B will not be reservable, while courts 1-6 remain reservable through the Pickleball Planner. Not a member of the Pickleball Club and want to join? NEW member forms are available in the cabinet outside of the entrance to the pickleball courts. New members will be contacted after completed forms are received. For more information on the club email [clpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:clpickleball@gmail.com) and we are glad to answer any questions you might have.

*Submitted by Annette Mikula, Membership/Publicity*

*Coordinator*

### SHUFFLEBOARD

Just a quick reminder that organized shuffleboard is played every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 PM weather permitting. We start to gather around 6:40. Whether you have played with us before or have never played all are welcome. If you are concerned about how to play and the rules of the game, just come a little early and we will be more than happy to run through how the game is played and even allow you to practice before hand.

We welcome back Priscilla Cary running Monday nights along with Brian Morgan and Al Bird running the Wednesday and Friday evenings. So bring your nickels and your friends and maybe something cool and refreshing to drink. We look forward to seeing you all coming out one or all three evenings for a fun night of shuffleboard and camaraderie.

*If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call at 612-309-4875 Al Bird.*

### TENNIS

The Tennis Club is planning their annual Welcome Back/Holiday Tournament. The tournament is scheduled for Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> with a starting time of 9:00 a.m. It is a fun tournament and a great event to get reacquainted with club members as the "snowbirds" start to arrive for the winter season. The annual general meeting for tennis is scheduled for Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the arts & craft room. If you are interested in finding out more about the tennis club, you are welcome to attend this meeting or you can contact Lynda Pinsoneault at 248-672-0833 with any questions you might have.

### Aqua Tabata with Wendy & Lynn Wednesday and Saturday at 1:00PM

What is Aqua Tabata you ask? Wendy or Lynn will lead on Wednesday's and Saturday's at 1:00 pm. Each class lasts about 45 minutes. The first set of 8 exercises are warm-ups. Exercise is in the form of Tabata – ten sets of eight 20 second rounds of an exercise with a 10 second rest between.

We do use water weights, but it is not necessary to have them; as you can use your hands or a noodle for resistance. We encourage everyone to bring water with them as we do take 2 water breaks after 4 rounds. This is held in the walk-in pool closest to the Fitness Center. This class (like any outdoor class) is weather permitting and if we are going to cancel, we do send out an e-mail on the CL Groups.io and at least two of the Facebook pages.

This class is for anyone who wants to participate. Come on out and join us.

*Wendy Klinge (734) 323-1307*

*Lynn Johnston (262)-573-5927*



The eight tiny reindeer have had lots of names:

Rudolph was almost named Rollo or Reginald and his crew also had lots of other names. They've previously been called Flossie, Glossie, Racer, Pacer, Scratcher, Feckless, Ready, Steady and Fireball.

## Cards & Games

### CRIBBAGE

|               |                   |               |                     |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <u>15-Oct</u> | 1 Cindy Chase     | <u>4-Nov</u>  | 1 Diane Schlichting |
|               | 2 Mel Schlichting |               | 2 Mel Schlichting   |
|               | 3 Keith Nelson    |               | 3 Janet Davis       |
|               | 4 Dottie Mograge  |               | 4 Harry Rosel       |
| <u>29-Oct</u> | 1 Dan Nelson      | <u>12-Nov</u> | 1 Al Dube           |
|               | 2 Cindy Clark     |               | 2 Lowell Johnson    |
|               | 3 Janet Davis     |               | 3 Susan Dore        |
|               | 4 Frank Roberts   |               | 4 Alice Singer      |

### THURSDAY NIGHT EUCHRE

|               |                   |    |               |                   |    |
|---------------|-------------------|----|---------------|-------------------|----|
| <u>2-Oct</u>  | Phil Maniaci      | 61 | <u>23-Oct</u> | Jim Schwartz      | 51 |
|               | Lois Stewart      | 61 |               | Mike Wohlers      | 49 |
|               | Richard Harris    | 57 |               | Terri Heimlick    | 48 |
| Loners        | Phil Maniaci      | 3  |               | Phil Maniaci      | 48 |
|               |                   |    |               | Diane Schlichting | 48 |
| <u>9-Oct</u>  | Bruce Richardson  | 62 | Loners        | Gary Riley        | 3  |
|               | Jim Schwertz      | 61 |               |                   |    |
|               | Diane Schlichting | 58 | <u>30-Oct</u> | Bruce Richardson  |    |
| Loners        | Terri Heimlick    | 4  |               | Tim Schmieman     |    |
|               | Diane Schlichting | 4  |               | Bob Suchenski     |    |
| <u>16-Oct</u> | Gary Riley        | 54 | Loners        | Fran Alonzo       | 2  |
|               | Don Bennehoff     | 51 |               | Don Bennehoff     |    |
|               | Rick              | 48 |               |                   |    |
| Loners        | Don Bennehoff     | 3  |               |                   |    |



### MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

|               |                     |               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <u>6-Oct</u>  | 1 Mel Schlichting   | <u>20-Oct</u> | 1 Barbara McClorey  |
|               | 2 Diane Schlichting |               | 2 Terri Heimlich    |
|               | 3 Bob Suchenski     |               | 3 Lois Stewart      |
|               |                     |               | 4 Bruce Richardson  |
| <u>13-Oct</u> | 1 Bruce Richardson  | <u>27-Oct</u> | 1 Mel Schlichting   |
|               | 2 Bob Suchenski     |               | 2 Dave Sauter       |
|               | 3 Diane Schlichting |               | 3 Diane Schlichting |



Ever wondered why George looks strangely sweaty in the scene where he and Clarence are on the bridge? It's because on the day of filming it was actually 90 degrees.

### SHANGHAI RUMMY

Shanghai Rummy is played on Fridays at noon till 3:00 pm and 6:00pm till 9:00pm in the Oak Room. Playing will begin at 12:15pm and 6:15pm. No food is permitted and drinks are not permitted on the tables. Easy game to learn, bring 2 quarters and 10 nickels to play and have some fun!

Karen Parsons 315-720-4086 Helen Goddard 815-735-4769

Faye Warmingtton 508-562-2899

### TUCK

Wonder what "Tuck" is all about ? It's a game very similar to Parcheesi or Trouble except you use cards to move your marbles instead of dice. We play every Sunday at 6pm in the Cypress room at the clubhouse. If you want to learn, we are there every third Sunday at 5.

Trish Walthers 407-617-3586

### CUE CLUB

Come join us for some fun on Tuesday evening 4:30-08:00PM. Keep a watch on the bulletin board to see any upcoming tournaments.

Will Cochran 214-454-8634 txcochran@gmail.com

### CORNHOLE

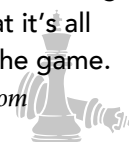
We are playing inside for the summer months in the Main Hall, check in by 5pm. No experience necessary, this is just a fun league. So come out and enjoy a great game, hang with friends, make new friends.

Tim Hughes 443-876-5376

### CHESS CLUB

The Chess club meets in the Oak Room every Wednesday at 9:00am. We range from absolute beginner to club level. If you play, or even know nothing about chess but would perhaps like to see what it's all about, we'll be delighted to introduce you to the game.

Email or text Malcolm Smith at: runner123ms@gmail.com 352.467.8660



### BOCCE BALL

BOCCE BALL 9:30am Tues Thurs & Sat. Everyone welcome! Gary Riley 863-603-8367

### PITCH CARD GAME

\*\*Pitch will be played on Tuesdays at 7pm in the North Clubhouse Bill Glose

### HORSESHOE PITCHING LEAGUE



Excellent weather greeted the 13 pitchers who came out to pitch horseshoe on

Wednesday, Nov 5, our first week of organized pitching for the winter season. Some of our pitchers were a little rusty since the extreme heat of summer kept them off the courts since we finished league in late April.

We welcomed two new players yesterday, Ray Olsen, who came to our meeting a week ago, made his debut appearance on the courts, and Bob (Zeke) Ezekiel, a recent new resident, who just showed up to pitch with us. Bob made his presence known right away by winning all three of his games, a feat matched by four others, Joel McCullough, Ken Wonstolen, Mike Johnson, and Pat Simon Sr. So, the first week is in the books and here are the highlights.

Mike Johnson was the first pitcher to break the 70-point mark in his first game with a 71-point effort, off of 24 scratch points and 4 ringers. Joel McCullough had the highest scratch game of the day with 27 points in his 2<sup>nd</sup> game, which included 5 ringers, which was also the most ringers in one game for the day. Mike Johnson and Pat Simon Sr were only one ringer back hitting 4 ringers each in one of their games. Joel also had the highest scratch point total of the day with 65 points. Pat Simon Sr was just a point back with 64 points. Pat had the most ringers of the day with 9, for a 15% ringer average. Joel was one ringer back with 8 ringers, for a 13.33% ringer average, and Chuck Moehring, Mike Johnson, and Ken Wonstolen each had 7 ringers for an 11.67% ringer average.

Mike Johnson and Pat Simon Sr topped the Average game with handicap column with of 63.33 average points. Followed by Joel McCullough with 62.67. Ken Wonstolen and Mike Johnson rounded out the top three with their 62.33. There were six games that were won by a single point this week, and we had just one tie game. The Stats are sorted by Average Game with Handicap. That metric sorts the data by the players who are pitching the most above their average.

*Pat Simon Sr*

### Living with Alligators – Information from Florida Wildlife

#### Conservation Commission (FWC)

Alligators are an important part of Florida's landscape and play a valuable role in the ecology of our state's wetlands. Alligators are predators and help keep other aquatic animal populations in balance. A better understanding of the facts and information regarding these creatures will help ensure that people and alligators can continue to coexist.

#### Alligators & People

Alligators are a fundamental part of Florida's wetlands, swamps, rivers, and lakes, and they are found in all 67 counties. Florida continues to experience human population growth. Many new residents seek waterfront homes, resulting in increased interactions between people and alligators. Although most Floridians understand that we have alligators living in our state, the potential for conflict exists. Because of their predatory nature, alligators may target pets and livestock as prey.

**\*\*PLEASE KEEP YOUR PET ON A LEASH AND NEVER  
LEAVE PETS UNATTENDED**

[\*\*Note from CL Management per the Community Rules  
and Regulations]

In the past 10 years, the Florida FWC has received an average of nearly 16,000 alligator-related complaints per year. Most of these complaints deal with alligators occurring in places such as backyard ponds, canals, ditches and streams, but other conflicts occur when alligators wander into garages, swimming pools and golf course ponds. Sometimes, alligators come out of the water to bask in the sun or move between wetlands. In many cases, if left alone, these alligators will eventually move on to areas away from people.

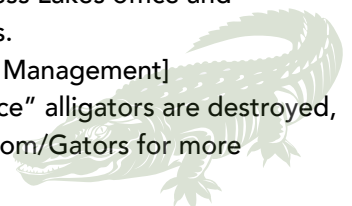
Generally, alligators less than four feet in length are not large enough to be dangerous unless handled.

**\*\*One of the best things about Cypress Lakes is the wildlife... However, SAFETY FIRST, Always! Residents should educate their guests.**

If you feel an alligator is aggressive or has lost its fear of humans, please call the Cypress Lakes office and Management will address this.

[\*\*Note from CL Management]

Please be aware that "nuisance" alligators are destroyed, not relocated. Visit [MyFWC.com/Gators](http://MyFWC.com/Gators) for more information





## Community Events

### CYPRESS LAKES ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DANCE FEATURING MUSIC BY FEVER BAND



Friday December 12, 2025

Dancing 7pm – 10pm, Doors open 6:30pm

Tickets \$10.00 On Sale December 3, 2025  
9am – 12pm

"Save Your Place in Line" tickets 7:00am to 7:30am  
on December 3, 2025

??? Rich Lindblom 860-558-4234



### THE CYPRESS LAKES ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS



Wednesday December 31, 2025

Dancing 9pm - 12am (Doors open at 8:30pm)

Ticket Sales Wednesday December 17, 2025 9am-12pm

Save your place in line tickets December 17th, 7-7:30am

TICKETS \$10.00, 8 Tickets Max Individual Purchase

??? Donna Massaro 609-203-0174

### **GOLF CART CAROLING**

Thursday, December 11th

Meet in the Administration Parking Lot @ 5:00pm

Departing @ 5:30pm

Ice Cream, Cookies & Coco

after the caroling in the Main Hall

Tickets \$3 in advance - \$4 at the door

(Tickets available in the HOA & Lifestyle Offices)



*Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,  
Jingle all the way  
Oh what fun it is to ride in a  
One horse open sleigh*

*Deck the halls with boughs  
of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la  
la. Tis the season to be jolly,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.*



*Up on the housetop reindeer paws, Out jumps Good  
Old Santa Claus. Down through the chimney with  
lots of toys, All for the little ones Christmas joys.*

## Pancake Breakfast

By Cypress Lakes HOA

Tickets in HOA Office beginning Dec 1st

Saturday, December 20th

7-9:00 am, Main Hall

Pancakes

Syrup or fruit

Scrambled Eggs

Sausage

Fruit Cup

Juice

Coffee

**\$6**



# From The Big Cypress Golf Club - Director of Golf Allen Tener

## **ACH UPDATE**

Starting December, we will offer the option to make ACH (automatic bank) payments for your Golf and Food & Beverage account.

If you prefer not to pay by check, you may enroll in automatic monthly ACH payments instead. Check payments will remain available for those who wish to continue using them.

Each month on the 20th, we will initiate the bank withdrawal. Please allow 3-5 business days for the transaction to process. If the 20th falls on a weekend or holiday, the withdrawal will be initiated on the next business day.

To enroll, please complete the ACH Enrollment Form, available now in the Golf Shop, and submit it along with a voided check to the Golf Shop. Forms submitted by December 5th will be included in the initial run on December 20th.

Going forward, the 5th of each month will serve as the cutoff date for new enrollments to ensure we have adequate time to process with the bank.

## **WELCOME BACK KICK-OFF!**

What a fantastic day on the course! The weather was perfect, the competition was friendly, and the smiles were nonstop.

Congratulations to our winners:

### **Flight Winners:**

- Mike Mankowski, Gary Sullivan, Mark Stewart, Glenn Logan
- Ricky Yegge, Ken Larsen, Phil Donaldson, Warren Kennehan
- Billy Basta, Hedi Aittama, Paulie Biangio, Bill York
- Dan & Sandy Hollon, Tim & Julia Shay
- Mark Ingraham, Kay Blunt, Don Saunders, Emily Day

### **Long Drive Contest:**

- Bill York & Heidi Aittama

### **Closest to the Pin:**

- |                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| • Ann Mulka          | • Paulette Hall           |
| • Steve Sanders      | • Michael Katashuk        |
| • Frank Chandler     | • Karen Woloszyn          |
| • Allison Letourneau | • Doug Griggs             |
| • Renee Haroldson    | • Sam Larsen              |
| • Bill Woloszyn      | • Bob Hartley             |
| • Nicolas Arguez     | • Irene & Gary Letourneau |
| • Cliff Chasse       | • Jeanne Rabley           |

### **Putting Contest:**

- Irene Letourneau & George Burtch

### **Closest to the Line:**

- Carol O'Neil & Lowell Johnson

Plenty of winners and fun all around — it was a great event from start to finish. Thanks to everyone who participated, and we can't wait to do it again!

## **2026 MATCH PLAY TOURNEY**

Match Play sign up starts next month. Matches will start on January 5th. Players have two weeks to complete their first match and then have one week for the rest of their matches. Also, this is a handicapped event and stroked off the low ball. The higher handicapped player receives strokes equal to the difference in handicaps. Golf Staff will help with explaining and dotting cards.

## **BCMGA**

Our year here in Florida is almost over and we need to enjoy our nice weather and temperatures. Unlike our friends from the north, we may get cool, but we have NO snow to stop us from playing. There are plenty of opportunities to play and even though our daylight is not as long as it is in the summer, our conditions are good. The course is in great shape due to our golf maintenance crew and superintendent. If you get a chance, thank them when you are on the course.

As always, fill your divots and rake the sand. If you have an issue getting your results after Thursday's round, please email Danny Hollon at [devildrider@gmail.com](mailto:devildrider@gmail.com). An example of the Dealer's Choice is: Individual golfer will use 2 different tee boxes to post their net score. Golfer chooses 9 holes each from the following tee boxes:

- 9 Red Tees & 9 White Tees

This is an individual net score game.

Games this month:

- December 4 President's Cup Stapleford (Individual Net) (GHIN)
- December 11 Team Low Net (ABCD) (GHIN)
- December 18 Red-White Dealer's Choice-99 (Individual Net)
- December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

Will Cochran 214-454-8634 [txcochran@gmail.com](mailto:txcochran@gmail.com)



## From The Big Cypress Golf Club - Director of Golf Allen Tener

### **GOLFING AT NIGHT!**

That's right — join us on Thursdays for 12 weeks, starting December 4th, as we take golf into the evening! Play a 10-hole, four-player scramble from 150 yards once the sun goes down.

- Sign up as a pair, and we'll create the foursomes.
- Prizes awarded weekly!
- Cost: \$2 for members | \$12 for non-members (includes tournament fee + green fee)
- Sign up: In the Golf Shop starting November 20th

Come enjoy some evening fun on the course and a little friendly competition under the lights!

### **NMGA**

Hello from the North Men's Golf Association. If you are looking for a golf group to have some fun playing golf with other golfers that are out on the course to enjoy the game and the weather, please consider joining the North Men's Golf Association. We play both the front and back tees depending on age and handicap. We golf every Thursday year-round adjusting times to accommodate sunrise and weather conditions.

The North Men's Golf Association plays a different game each week with a monthly field day scramble. We rotate our golf games of Low Net and Quota Points as well as playing a once-a-month Scramble with food and twice a year we play the Three Clubs and a Putter Tournament with a pizza luncheon after golf!!

It is now December in Florida, we are seeing some cooler/cold brrr temperatures, especially in the early morning. We may have weather delays or cancellations due to extreme cold or frost. Be sure to check your emails or text or Cypress Lakes app if there may be a weather delay or cancellation. Our start time is 8:30AM with a check-in time of 8:00AM for the Winter months.

*Call Rick Yegge – President at 863-398-2488 if interested.*

Games for December 2025:

(8:30AM Shotgun Start; 8:00AM Check-In)

- December 4th QUOTA POINTS
- December 11th Field Day Scramble with hot dog luncheon after golf
- December 18th LOW NET
- December 25th Merry Christmas - NO Golf - Enjoy the holiday!!

### **LOOKING TO IMPROVE YOUR GAME?**

Meet Tom Shaw, some of you may already know me. I have lived on Grackle Loop with my lovely wife Nancy since 2014 and we have enjoyed every moment. Golf has occupied a major portion of my life, and I have been fortunate to have a long career through the sport. I started as a young teenager working on the local golf course in Oregon, where I developed my love for the game. My competitive career began in high school winning two state titles, earning a golf scholarship to the University of Oregon, resulting in a Pacific Coast Conference title with All American status. After college I joined the PGA Tour, winning 4 tournaments along the way. The Champions Tour followed adding two more victories including a major, in the 1993 Tradition. After playing on the tour, I joined the Jim McLean Golf Academy in Miami, FL becoming a Certified Lead Master Instructor. During the past few summers, I have taught in Boylston, Massachusetts at Cyprian Keyes Club teaching 8 weeks of Junior Golf School as well as individual lessons. My experience has allowed me to learn proven teaching techniques to help improve golfers of all levels. I am currently available for individual and 2 for 1 lesson which includes bringing a partner or a friend for the price of one. To schedule a lesson, call the Golf Shop or cell phone 954-684-0038.

**Single Lesson (30 minutes) \$65**

**Series of 4 \$195**



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# From The Big Cypress Golf Club - Director of Golf Allen Tener

## BCLGA

Welcome to December BCLGA members.

We are back and in full swing. 🏌️ We start December off with our Christmas game on December 2nd, Santa's Capers 🎅 and our pairing party 🎄 on the Monday before December 1st. Hopefully everyone will participate in these fun days. See details in billiard's room where you can sign up for both. If anyone is new to our community and would like to join our league we welcome all. If you are interested please contact Donna Short 816-560-4297. All skill levels are welcome. Golf course members and non-members can join. Our league is handicapped, so everyone has a fair chance every week to win. We play every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. so come join us.

We wish everyone Merry Christmas 🎅

### December Games:

- December 2nd Santa Capers
- December 9th ONES (individual game)
- December 16th 1-2-3 (team game)
- December 23rd Scramble (abcd game)
- December 30th Low gross/ Low net (individual game)

## NORTH STARS

The cooler temperatures are a pleasant change for our full-time players as well as for our returning seasonal players. December is a busy month with our Christmas Scramble and luncheon on December 10. We can still collect for our winter fundraiser. We continue to support The Angel Tree and Toys for Tots.

Hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday season.

December 2025 Games:  
(9:00am Shotgun Start)

- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 3 Blind Mice
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Scramble
- Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 9-9
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Shamble
- Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Scramble



## SWINGERS

If the holidays are getting you stressed out, please come join us for some stress relief by playing 9 holes on the North Course! Laughs and lunch will always make you feel better.

Sign up at the clubhouse and be at the North Clubhouse at 8:30 so you can be ready to tee off by 9:00.

Our Christmas party will be Saturday December 13th. Donuts and Dues will be January 10th. Please be at the clubhouse by 8 that day.

Please check our FB page for any new info that I might not have gotten by the time this newsletter was sent out.

### Games: December Scrambles

- |            |              |                      |         |
|------------|--------------|----------------------|---------|
| • Dec 6th  | Scramble     | Regular play         | Front 9 |
| • Dec 13th | Team play -  | Christmas party      | Back 9  |
| • Dec 20th | Scramble     | Mystery Hole         | Front 9 |
| • Dec 27th | Elf Scramble | Holes 11, 13, 15, 17 | Back 9  |

Ladies, if you are looking to play golf with a fun group, come out and join us on Saturday mornings.

If you would like more information please call our President, Michele Wilson . Please leave a message as she doesn't answer calls that are not in her contact list.

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All games are subject to weather and number of players. If you are not playing please call the Pro Shop @ 863-859-6871. Michele Wilson Barb Gabbert

League President League Secretary  
(863) 581-2033 815-341-2378

## CLV CHRISTIAN GOLF FELLOWSHIP

Cypress Lakes Christian Golf Fellowship will play a scramble on the third Saturday of December, the 20th on the South Course with tee times starting at 11:30am. We're on a Mission for Anchor House Ministries, so bring your team (singles, couples, and groups welcome), your best game, and a donation for Anchor House . All monies raised go to Anchor House Ministries in Auburndale. Open to anyone who plays golf, member, or non-member.

Contact Ron Sallada 863-604-5924 rsallada@tampabay.rr.com



## BIG CYPRESS GRILL

Hours of Operation - 863-859-6741  
Bar Monday - Sunday 11:00AM - 9:00PM  
Kitchen Monday - Sunday 11:00AM - 8:00PM  
Closed Christmas Day



## **December Entertainment Schedule**

*Reservations suggested on game, karaoke and entertainment nights.*

Karaoke 6-9pm Every Wednesday (Except on 12/24 & 12/31)

Bar Games 5pm Every Monday

|      |          |                           |       |
|------|----------|---------------------------|-------|
| Wed  | Dec 3rd  | Karaoke                   | 6-9pm |
| Sat  | Dec 6th  | Summit Kings              | Noon  |
| Wed  | Dec 10th | Karaoke                   | 6-9pm |
| Wed  | Dec 17th | Karaoke                   | 6-9pm |
| Fri  | Dec 19th | Old Enough to Know Better | 6-9pm |
| Sat  | Dec 20th | Carlos & Company          | 6-9pm |
| Tues | Dec 23rd | Karaoke                   | 6-9pm |

Music is subject to change



## **Buddy the Elf Trivia**

Answers on Page 25

1. In Elf, when Buddy runs away, what does he apologize for in the note he leaves behind?
2. In the film Elf, what is the main character Buddy's favorite type of pasta?
3. Complete this famous line from Elf: "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is \_\_\_\_\_"
4. In Elf, Buddy had to travel through which forest?

## **Sunday Brunch**

Join us for brunch

December 14th 11:30am - 1:00pm



### **UGLY SWEATER & Buddy the Elf Party**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 5PM

Music by Old Enough to Know  
Better 6-9pm

Prizes for the ugliest sweater & best  
Buddy the Elf costume

Full menu & dinner specials available from 4-8pm

Drink specials all day



## **HAPPY HOUR**

Happy hour daily 2-4 pm. BOGO  
domestic draft beer, well drinks  
and house wines. Happy hour all  
day on Sunday!



Delivery is now available Thursday -  
Saturday from 11:30 am - 1 pm and  
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Some restrictions  
apply, delivery based on weather  
conditions.

## Fellowship

### SONSHINERS

The SonShiners of Cypress Lakes is an inter-denominational Organization committed to spreading the love of God through prayer and friendship.

*Karen Hathaway (863) 500-0694.*

### MONDAY LADIES PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Welcome all who wish to begin the week with God! We meet in the Cypress Room at 10am and all are welcome to come and praise, pray and fellowship with us!

*Crystal Blow 802-673-0203.*

### WEDNESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Join us at 10am in the Arts & Crafts Room as we study the Bible. *Jane Suchenski 863-666-7328.*

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Lakes Church, Cypress Lakes Village Campus conducts a Bible Study every Sunday morning in the Cypress Room from 9:30 am to 10:30 am prior to Church in the Main Hall which starts at 11:00 am. We are studying how to live a Christian life in a difficult world. Bring your Bible and join us. We pray, we worship, and we study the Word of God.

*Ron Sallada 863-604-5924 rsallada@tampabay.rr.com*

### CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Cypress Lakes Christian Men's Breakfast meets on the first Saturday of every month at the Golden Corral at 8:00 am when the doors open. We meet for breakfast, fellowship, and a spiritual dessert. This month we will meet on December 6th. Come, bring a friend, and join us!

*Ron Sallada 863-604-5924 rsallada@tampabay.rr.com*

### MEMORIAL BRICKS

Placed in the Garden Walk, purchase a 4x8 brick for \$50 or an 8x8 brick for \$100 to commemorate an important event in your life, remember someone dear to you or to support the Garden Club. Funds help maintain the Garden Walk. Forms are located on the Garden Club bulletin board in the Oak Room. For information, contact

*Karen Parsons 315-720-4086*



Sunday Service – 11:00 am in the Main Hall  
Connect Group (Bible Study) - 9:30 in Oak Room  
Fellowship – Coffee and Donuts – 10:30 in Main Hall

Pastor Mark Creech

863-670-3074

Mark.creech@golakeschurch.com

GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME!

### ROSARY GROUP

All residents are invited to attend a rosary group which meets in the North Course Clubhouse every Thursday at 7pm to recite the rosary. This group was originally formed as a response to the 911 attacks. Any questions?

*Call JoAnne Bonifield at 863-899-2004 or email to jojobon@tampabay.rr.com*

### Christian Conservative Chat for Ladies

We continue to hold our Monday afternoon meetings at the North Clubhouse from 2:30 to 4:30. I also update if there are changes in our CLV email. We are studying many areas of the Gospel and hope anyone who has been thinking of attending to come and share with us.

*Kathy Dunlevy 404-387-1902*

**Reformation Lutheran Church**  
**Weekly Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday**



In-Person: 460 Old Polk City Road, Lakeland  
Online: [www.facebook.com/lovinglutherans](https://www.facebook.com/lovinglutherans)  
[lovinglutherans@gmail.com](mailto:lovinglutherans@gmail.com) or call 863-859-2264

#### **Christmas Eve Service**

4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24th

#### **Christmas Carol Eucharist**

10 a.m. on Sunday, December 28th



## Anniversaries & Birthdays

|                          |       |                             |       |                                |       |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|
| Nick & Donna Robinson    | 12/1  | Willis & Bonnie Cochran     | 12/11 | Glenn & Kathleen Feltman       | 12/20 |
| Rudy & Nancy Sobina      | 12/1  | Frank & Betsy Chandler      | 12/12 | Peter & Deborah Iaria          | 12/20 |
| Patrick & Dee Accetta    | 12/2  | Blaine & Wanda Krancich     | 12/12 | Mark & Danna Smith             | 12/20 |
| Jeffrey & Lauren Benning | 12/2  | Brian & Annette Mikula      | 12/12 | Les & Irene Cannam             | 12/21 |
| John & Barbara Kay       | 12/2  | Sharon & Greg Styler        | 12/12 | Richard Blystone & Ruth Santos | 12/22 |
| Robert & Rebecca Byers   | 12/3  | Lawrence & Cynthia Tierney  | 12/13 | Richard & Renee Haroldson      | 12/22 |
| Alan & Karen Middleton   | 12/3  | Richard & Cindy Merlone     | 12/14 | Joe & Susan Lilly              | 12/23 |
| William & Althea Dobbins | 12/4  | Richard & Tricia Woolum     | 12/14 | Frank & Kathy McElroy          | 12/25 |
| Alan & Cindi Fitz        | 12/4  | Sandra & Donald Worley      | 12/14 | Dennis & Diane Vollmer         | 12/26 |
| Gary & Theresa Metules   | 12/4  | Donald & Kathleen Hall      | 12/15 | Gary & Cheri Cornell           | 12/27 |
| Robert & Barbara Hagen   | 12/5  | George & Patty Fuehrer      | 12/16 | Kinsley & Enid Hays            | 12/28 |
| Russell & Toni Bauer     | 12/5  | George & Ruth Ann Parnay    | 12/16 | Craig & Deborah West           | 12/29 |
| Thomas & Donna McCormack | 12/5  | Corliss & Joanne Hoffman    | 12/17 | Michael & Helen Collier        | 12/31 |
| Jeff & Sharon Eschhofen  | 12/7  | Frank Roberts & Janet Davis | 12/17 | Pat Haley & Lori Dunn-Haley    | 12/31 |
| Michael & Pamela Gorton  | 12/9  | John & Cindy Edwards        | 12/18 | Keith & Susan Nelson           | 12/31 |
| Melvin & Linda Martin    | 12/10 | Joseph & Kathleen Borders   | 12/20 | Steven & Sharon Weaver         | 12/31 |

# Happy Birthday!



|                     |      |                     |       |                 |       |                    |       |
|---------------------|------|---------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Linda Gambill       | 12/1 | Mike Stone          | 12/6  | Sandra Williams | 12/11 | Tony Austin        | 12/16 |
| Ruben Gutierrez     | 12/1 | Rebecca Byers       | 12/7  | Marla Burgess   | 12/12 | Elizabeth Donnelly | 12/16 |
| Alex Kendziorski    | 12/1 | Robert Casey        | 12/7  | Ron Eley        | 12/12 | Patty Horton       | 12/16 |
| Joseph LaFleur      | 12/1 | Noel Clarke         | 12/7  | Michael Hott    | 12/12 | Edward Kiena       | 12/16 |
| Laurie Maniaci      | 12/1 | Karen Peterreins    | 12/7  | Flay Linderman  | 12/12 | Maryann Salat      | 12/16 |
| Kim Schonert        | 12/1 | James Welsh         | 12/7  | Nancy Newell    | 12/12 | Ronald Saltzman    | 12/16 |
| Craig West          | 12/1 | Toni Bauer          | 12/8  | Bob Chapman     | 12/13 | Pamela Carter      | 12/17 |
| Rodney Fleming      | 12/2 | Phyllis D'Ambrosio  | 12/8  | Lynn Ferrier    | 12/13 | Heidi Graf         | 12/17 |
| Monica Gratton      | 12/2 | Catherine Suchenski | 12/8  | David Mulvey    | 12/13 | Calvin Hawke       | 12/17 |
| Enid Hays           | 12/2 | Audra Wilson        | 12/8  | Thomas Shaw     | 12/13 | Patricia Katashuk  | 12/17 |
| Jeffrey Judd        | 12/2 | Roland Lane         | 12/9  | Bob Shettle     | 12/13 | Richard Kolb       | 12/17 |
| Rudy Sobina         | 12/2 | Donna Loughran      | 12/9  | Scott Wicke     | 12/13 | James Marx         | 12/17 |
| Muriel Sterling     | 12/2 | Frederick Nastri    | 12/9  | Jacki Casper    | 12/14 | Steve Sanders      | 12/17 |
| Gregory Enzenbacher | 12/3 | Randall Towe        | 12/9  | Marvin Curry    | 12/14 | Rebecca Sauter     | 12/17 |
| Betty Jones         | 12/3 | Marsha Hoffman      | 12/10 | Marta Fraguada  | 12/14 | Carol Allen        | 12/18 |
| Susan Neuman        | 12/3 | Timothy Hughes      | 12/10 | Barry Granger   | 12/14 | Wayne Berrier      | 12/18 |
| Sherrie Britton     | 12/4 | Daniel Kaufman      | 12/10 | Tony Gutierrez  | 12/14 | Dee Maciejewski    | 12/18 |
| Richard Desilets    | 12/4 | Barbara Kendziorski | 12/10 | Bill Lebrun     | 12/14 | Bob Moseman        | 12/18 |
| David Gossette      | 12/4 | David Linton        | 12/10 | Thomas Spice    | 12/14 | Tom Blanchette     | 12/19 |
| Curtis Lee          | 12/4 | Mike Lusk           | 12/10 | Deb Waddell     | 12/14 | Cinnamon Butler    | 12/19 |
| Scott Rutherford    | 12/4 | Sharon McGarvey     | 12/10 | Mariana Walters | 12/14 | Robin Comfort      | 12/19 |
| Terry Travis        | 12/4 | Amy Provost         | 12/10 | Heidi Aittama   | 12/15 | Dean Holtzinger    | 12/19 |
| Judith Williams     | 12/4 | John Harris         | 12/11 | Jason Dykstra   | 12/15 | Fifi Nicholson     | 12/19 |
| Odette Coduto       | 12/5 | Cheryl Landis       | 12/11 | Donald Hall     | 12/15 | Deborah Putnam     | 12/19 |
| Robbie Bice         | 12/6 | Ann Payton          | 12/11 | Julius Reynolds | 12/15 | Gail Shamblin      | 12/19 |
| Robert Byers        | 12/6 | Ernie Strong        | 12/11 | Trudy Savage    | 12/15 | Leo Barrett        | 12/20 |
| Linda King          | 12/6 | Linda Talbott       | 12/11 | Barbara Toth    | 12/15 | Daniel Cornwall    | 12/20 |
| Joe Lilly           | 12/6 |                     |       |                 |       | Christine Crawford | 12/20 |
| Linda Lock          | 12/6 |                     |       |                 |       | Vicky Everett      | 12/20 |
| Bernard Naas        | 12/6 |                     |       |                 |       | Carole Hollyfield  | 12/20 |
| Elizabeth Schwartz  | 12/6 |                     |       |                 |       | Jane Jenik         | 12/20 |

## Birthdays

|                   |       |                       |       |                  |       |                |       |
|-------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Brian Johnson     | 12/20 | Vince Jewart          | 12/23 | Barry Fogle      | 12/27 | Rodney Hunt    | 12/30 |
| Judy Love         | 12/20 | Rosalind York         | 12/23 | Judy Gracie      | 12/27 | Sharyn Murphy  | 12/30 |
| Jerry Schnitzivs  | 12/20 | Les Cannam            | 12/24 | Sharon Styler    | 12/27 | Dale Neuman    | 12/30 |
| Sheryl Seitz      | 12/20 | Marjorie Cassidy      | 12/24 | Linda Beach      | 12/28 | Annette Ringle | 12/30 |
| Winston Bob       | 12/21 | Michelle Pope         | 12/24 | Darci Biason     | 12/28 | George Rubin   | 12/30 |
| Daniel Gossett    | 12/21 | David McCann          | 12/24 | Barbara Chance   | 12/28 | Julie Smith    | 12/30 |
| Lewis Mattair     | 12/21 | Bill Burch            | 12/25 | Mary Dempsey     | 12/28 | Michael Smith  | 12/30 |
| Emma Perry        | 12/21 | Carol Holzschuh       | 12/25 | Laura Laliberte  | 12/28 | Robert Beach   | 12/31 |
| Diane Shapcott    | 12/21 | Jim Kempa             | 12/25 | Lynne Platt      | 12/28 | Glenn Feltman  | 12/31 |
| Rudolph Wilkens   | 12/21 | Jean Sells            | 12/25 | Joseph Snee      | 12/28 | John Fruciano  | 12/31 |
| Louise Derrick    | 12/22 | Janie Vanduy          | 12/25 | Carla Vassar     | 12/28 | Janet Gillies  | 12/31 |
| Mary Knicely      | 12/22 | Patrick Accetta       | 12/26 | Lori Cote        | 12/29 | Pat Herblet    | 12/31 |
| Robert Spencer    | 12/22 | Carolline Burton      | 12/26 | Kathleen Merritt | 12/29 | Pamela Justus  | 12/31 |
| Peggy Waters      | 12/22 | Myra Jardine          | 12/26 | Treva Moser      | 12/29 | Donna Massaro  | 12/31 |
| Carol Allen       | 12/23 | Cathy Wagner          | 12/26 | Luis Segura      | 12/29 | Phil Vanduy    | 12/31 |
| Matthew Blackwell | 12/23 | Russell Crabtree      | 12/27 | Maria Bartlett   | 12/30 |                |       |
| Myron Elsass      | 12/23 | Reida Drago           | 12/27 | Denise Carter    | 12/30 |                |       |
| Daniel Gogan      | 12/23 | Catherine Falkenhagen | 12/27 | William Herr     | 12/30 |                |       |

### NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

On October 13th, Neighbor 2 Neighbor had many volunteers meeting each other and sharing a meal. We had a Polk County Crime Specialist Carla, speaking about their program on dementia and an overview on other programs. She introduced that dementia residents may receive a free bracelet after filling out an information form. If someone notices a neighbor confused or lost please check if they are wearing a bracelet. There is a phone number on the back that will alert Polk County to notify family and assist with the situation.

As a reminder N2N is available to make phone calls, visits, picking up mail, taking out trash, assisting with daily routines, along with making new friends.

NOTE: We have walkers, crutches, wheelchairs and adult briefs if needed. All these items have been donated by residents in our community.

For more information contact JoAnn Metzger Chairperson 574-903-5072

### THANK YOU

*I wish to thank all that sent my lovely Birthday Cards plus phone calls for my 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday. I even got a new bottle of wine, which I will enjoy.*

*Thanks to all, God bless you all and take care.*

*Love & Prayers,*

*Lois Stewart*



### THANK YOU

*A big thank you to Cypress Lakes Residents, Clubs & Employees for your generosity & spreading joy & hope to the Children Angels & Senior Orphans*

*All the Children & Seniors were adopted this Holiday Season!*



### NEW RESIDENTS

| NEW RESIDENTS              | ADDRESS                  | PHONE                     |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Alba, Sam & Barbara        | 9329 Top Flight Drive    | 570-479-0780/570-479-3193 |
| Birk, James & Cathy        | 2168 Big Cypress Blvd    | 812-221-0095/812-221-0081 |
| Cleaver, Jennifer          | 9618 Cypress Lakes Drive | 231-690-1285              |
| Fontaine, Roxanne          | 9479 Max Fly Drive       | 705-288-0075              |
| Kaletka, Wieslaw           | 9479 Max Fly Drive       | 705-288-0608              |
| McKight, Kevin & Catherine | 2172 Big Cypress Blvd    | 863-346-1938              |
| Middleton, Larry & Betty   | 9795 Cypress Lakes Drive | 863-559-6435/863-510-9441 |
| Rethy, George & Katherine  | 2335 Putt Lane           | 702-952-0500/705-571-5200 |

### HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION NEWS & EVENTS

The pace has accelerated as we're on the sleighride (no snow, thank you!) to Christmas and our calendars are full not only with decorating and plans for the New Year but all the traditional annual activities we enjoy!

The TREE LIGHTING CEREMONIES kick off our HOA sponsored events on Friday, December 5 in the Main Hall. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the festivities begin at 7 pm. Bring your cookies and snacks to share and enjoy the program of readings by the SonShiners, music by our Mixed Chorus, a skit by Curtain Time Players and a recitation by Marjorie York. You'll get to participate in a sing along too! Watch all those beautiful trees light up the hall and lobby!

Saturday, December 6, bring your dog for a PICTURE WITH MRS. CLAUSE in the lobby from 9 am to noon. It's first come/first serve so put that seasonal frock on your pooch and come for a FREE picture as thanks from the hardworking Dog Park Committee for your support this year!

Our HOA BOARD MEETING is December 8 at 6 pm in the Arts & Crafts room and the slate will be finalized with nominations accepted through the meeting for three board positions open in January. We need you and your talents for this hardworking team of volunteers and we welcome your interest! Contact George Giesman or Greg Carter for an application!

Thursday, December 11, join us on our annual GOLF CART CAROLING through the community! And we need your help to make sure we stop at all the houses of those who could use some cheer and cookies! Call the Lifestyle Office if you have a neighbor or friend we should sing to! Line up with your decorated carts and wearing your Christmas finery at 5 pm in the Administration parking lot and we'll be off at 5:30 pm. Remember to get your \$3 ticket for ice cream and cookies and cocoa. They are available in the HOA and Lifestyle Offices and \$4 at the door.

Entertainment Committee will hold their ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DANCE Friday, December 12 and FEVER will be in the house! Details are on the Entertainment Committee bulletin board outside the Lifestyle Office.

Don't miss getting your tickets!

Sunday, December 14 should be on your list of 'to-do' for KETTLE CORN in the Garden Walk parking lot.

Spontaneous Consumption food truck will be here Monday night to offer up your dinner choices!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be hot and ready for you on Saturday, December 20 from 7-9 am. Tickets are available in advance in the HOA office beginning Monday, December 1 and at the door for \$7. Let us know if you want to reserve a table for a neighborhood group or a birthday or other special celebration!

A Christmas GOSPEL NIGHT PROGRAM with the REDEMPTIONS and guest Michael Bartos is planned for Saturday, December 20. \$10 tickets are available in advance or you can contact Barbara Thouvenin.

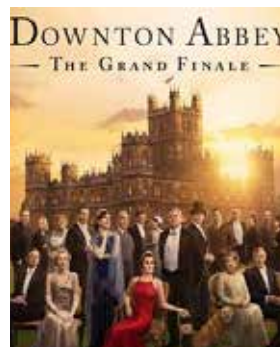
Remember our hard-working Bingo Committee will be taking the weeks of Christmas and New Years off so you may have time to take in an HOA MOVIE NIGHT in the Main Hall (see flyers below).

Board members will be distributing proxies to all current HOA members in early January. You may request an absentee ballot, but we hope most of you will attend the ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING January 21 in the Main Hall. We've got lots to discuss and plan for! And we want to hear from you, as well. Your membership must be current to attend so stop in the HOA Office now to confirm!

So much to do, so little time! Those holiday parties and get-togethers can be exhausting so take care of YOU so that we all enter 2025 healthy and energized! Gwen Snook, HOA President

### **HOA MOVIE NIGHT**

DOWNTON ABBEY  
THE GRAND FINALE



Tuesday, December 23  
Movie Starts @ 7pm MH

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE  
THE FINAL RECKONING



Tuesday, December 30  
Movie Starts @ 7pm MH

*Bring your own snacks and comfy chair and enjoy the shows.*



## From the HOA- President Gwen Snook

### HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

#### BOARD OPENINGS!

It's that time of year when HOA prepares for its annual meeting where members elect some new board members to help serve our community. This year we will be voting for three HOA board openings. Our Homeowner Association board meets October through May and you are elected to the board with the board assigning individual responsibilities to fill the needs. Contact George Giesman or Greg Carter for more information and an application. All applications must be received by our December 14 meeting. We would love to have you on the team!

### AMBUCS

Here are some updates on what is going on with the Cypress Lakes AMBUCS. Over the last 18 months our tremendous Ramp Crew has removed & reinstalled 38 existing ramps along with building 47 new ramps, which equals 85 ramps, which is 5 ramps per month or about 1 ramp per week. At present, we have 5 new ramps that need to be completed and 4 ramps that need to be removed & reinstalled. Because of the volume of new and repurposed ramps, we have secured a storage trailer to expedite the coordination of getting materials to work sites and getting the repurposed ramps to their new home as quickly as possible. When you see a member of the Ramp Crew make sure to let them know you appreciate what they do, these are dedicated guys that volunteer their time to make life a little easier to manage for our residents that need a little hand up.

Cypress Lakes AMBUCS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Skills Challenge is scheduled for March 2026, stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the date.

If you have not had a chance be sure to check out the AMBUCS/RC Club Races at the Cypress Lakes International Speedway at the Garden Walk. It is a fun event that people who have attended enjoy and with the Snowbirds back we expect the attendance to do nothing but increase.

*Mick Rabley President, Cypress Lakes AMBUCS*

### CITIZENS ASSISTED PATROL (CAP)

Thank you to CAP volunteers who provided traffic control for the annual Craft Fair and Plant Sale on November 2. And welcome to Babs Koch, a new recruit who has recently been trained. Bill & Cynthia Parry have also joined the team! Wave when you see them or others on patrol!

Citizen's Assisted Patrol provides extra 'eyes and ears' for the Polk County Sheriff in our community. We welcome Cecile Bedard and Ron & Jody Graves to our roster and they will help perform patrols with carts and cars during this busy time of year. We also do school patrols in the area to assist the Sheriff's Department. EVERYONE should be aware of strangers in our neighborhoods and be extra vigilant when driving in congested areas where more people are walking and riding bikes. Slow down for that extra look around! Remember only LICENSED drivers are legally permitted to drive golf carts. Don't let an accident happen that could have been prevented by your extra caution and attention! There is no CAP meeting until Tuesday, January 9 at 10 am. Enjoy your holiday but please be safe out there!

*Gwen Snook & John Miller, Coordinators*

### CERT

Welcome to December Cypress Lakes Village! The community is in full swing as we are in the holiday season. You probably saw a few of us at the Craft Fair last month. We were there to assist in any safety concerns and ensure that anyone that needed help was attended to prior to Emergency Services arrival. Thankfully, we had no incidents!

Please don't forget to check on your neighbors during this time of year. Also, with the shortest day of the year being Dec 21, please remember those flashlights and reflective gear when out at night or early morning. As we have said in the past, we are always looking for members. Our next meeting is scheduled for the end of January at 630 pm in the Cypress Room. Please consider giving time to volunteer for the safety of the community. Happy Holidays! Tobey Kress - Team Lead Rob Kowalski - Team Lead

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*Answers to Buddy the Elf Trivia:*

1. Ruining their lives and cramming 11 cookies in the VCR.
2. Spaghetti
3. "singing loud for all to hear."
4. Candy Cane forest



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Series package shows begin Thursday, January 8, with 'Knights of Music', a tribute to legendary entertainers recognized by English knighthood. If you missed picking up your season tickets, contact Gwen Snook at 517-937-2921 to make alternate arrangements. If you need extra tickets for this show or the second and third performances, contact us! If you are unable to use your tickets for any reason, contact us, as we keep a wait list to match with your ticket availability! See you at the shows! You're in for some great entertainment right here on our own stage! Can't remember the dates or entertainers? Stop in the HOA Office for a brochure with complete information!

*Call Gwen Snook, 517-937-2921, with questions*

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We will be holding a Membership Drive after the first of the year inviting you to meet us and have supper with us, to learn more about FMO and hear speakers with timely information. Watch for your invitation!

Polk County is represented by FMO District I and holds monthly meetings with timely speakers and business meetings open to FMO members or non-members. The next meeting will be December 10, beginning at 9 am. Watch the Bulletin Board in the Oak Room for details about location and speaker. You're welcome to attend and see what this organization is all about! It's a great opportunity to meet homeowners from other communities and hear what projects their HOA's are working on currently. Call us to share a ride!

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## **"BETWEEN THE LANES"**

*by Bonnie Binns, Courtesy Patrol Manager 863-209-2887*

*bbinns@covecommunities.com*

The Courtesy Patrol Team wishes everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

This month, we want to answer some of your frequently asked questions...

"How do I inform the Gatehouse about an expected visitor or delivery?" Please contact us at 863-859-7275 promptly upon learning of any upcoming visitor. Details will be recorded in the Daily Logs and added to the Pre-Logbook for contractors and visitors up to three months prior to their arrival.

"Why doesn't someone answer my call?" The Courtesy Patrol Team aims to respond to your call quickly. If your contractor or visitor is being issued a pass in the Visitor Lane, it may not be feasible. Kindly provide a detailed message including the name of your contractor or visitor, the date of arrival, and your address, so that this information can be accurately recorded in our Daily Logs or Pre-Logbook and we will be expecting them.

"How should I proceed if my visitor's stay exceeds 24 hours?" The 24-hour pass may be extended to a maximum of 3 days. The Multi-Day Pass is valid for visits ranging from 3 to 29 days. Only the Homeowner may complete and sign a Multi-Day Form for these passes. Request the form from the Gatehouse at least 3 days before arrival. Visits over 29 days are typically considered rentals; contact Administration 863-859-1431 for details.

"How should I proceed if the phones are inoperative and I am unable to contact the Gatehouse?" Sometimes both the internet and phone services experience simultaneous outages. In this situation, kindly reach out to Bonnie directly at 863-209-2887. Your guest and vendor details will be promptly communicated to the Gatehouse.

"What happens if my guest enjoys their stay so much that they want to rent my home?" A Homeowner is required to inform Community Management before renting out their home by calling 863-859-1431. Prospective renters must be approved before living in Cypress Lakes Village.

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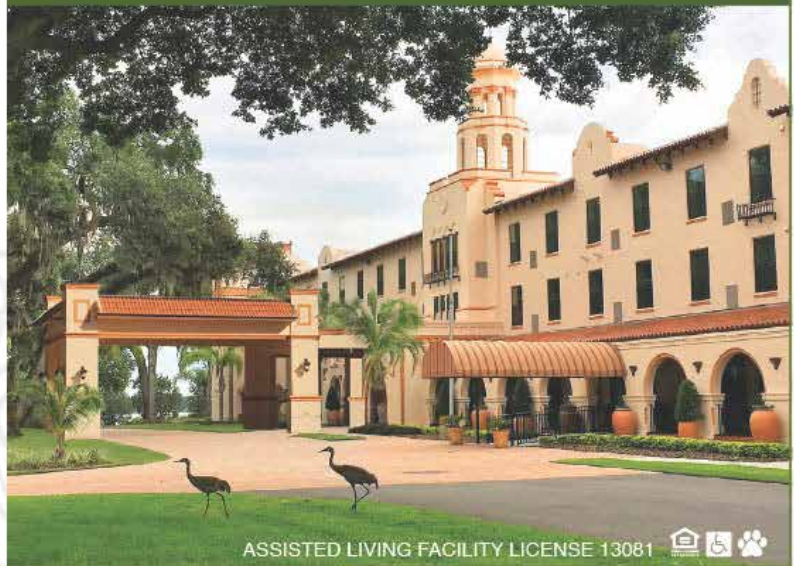


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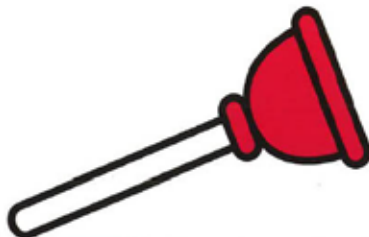
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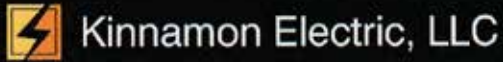
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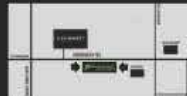
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