



**Cypress Lakes Village**  
A COVE COMMUNITY

January 2026

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**Big Cypress**  
GOLF CLUB



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

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Happy  
New Year  
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Dear Residents,

*Happy New Year, we are looking forward to a great 2026!*

Please see some of the accomplishments of our team at Cypress Lakes Village for 2025:

### LIFESTYLE OFFICE:

- Hosted 47 Lunch & Learns sponsored by vendors
- Hosted 9 National Food Holiday events sponsored by vendors
- Hosted 1 Health Fair with 21 Vendors
- Hosted 6 Bus Trips with more scheduled until April 2026
- Hosted 4 Pool Parties
- Hosted a Prom in the Grill
- Hosted our Yearly Craft Fair
- Hosted 2 Name That Tune Events
- Established an On-Site Barber that comes once a quarter
- Established an On-Site Vet that comes the third Wednesday of every month
- Established an On-Site Free Vehicle Estimates from a local body shop for residents
- Assisted our Fitness Instructors in hosting 2 Fitness Challenges
- Assisted in hosting the Resident Appreciation Luncheon for 1,300 residents
- Coordinated a Spring Training Outing to Joker Marchant Stadium
- In total the Lifestyle Office has hosted 70 Events

### GRILL:

- The New Menu is being well received (will continued to put out 2 per year)
- 2 Near Perfect Health Inspections
- Growing Small Event Caterings and put together a Banquet Menu
- Successful Men's Golf League Food Events as well as provided exceptional Buffet for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Memorial Day and Labor Day Golf Outings as well as Ladies of Polk County Golf Luncheons
- Successful Resident Appreciation Luncheon
- We were able to give all staff hours in the off season

### GOLF MAINTENANCE:

- Cleaned up the Golf Maintenance Facility (still more to do)
- "Have The Best Greens in the County" has been said quite often by residents and outside Play
- Fixed all the Irrigation Issues on all 36 Holes (for the time being until another wire burns)
- Purchased much needed Golf Course Maintenance Equipment (with more to come)
- Will be fully Staffed within the next week
- Installed New Central Control and Weather Stations for both Courses

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

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

Please see some of the accomplishments of our team at Cypress Lakes Village for 2025:

### COURTESY PATROL:

- Supported the Lifestyle Office in over 70 events by managing traffic control, reserving areas with cones and signage, alphabetical attendee lists and special passes, parking control for vendors and attendees
- Assisted administration with capital improvements such as seal coating the parking lots and construction of 3 new homes, ensuring safety, with traffic control and placement of cones and signage
- Supported HOA with over 50 events, and FMHA meetings to include entertainment venues, food drives, food trucks and services for the community with special passes, and placement of cones and signage
- Supported Resident events and meetings both at the clubhouse and private, with alphabetical attendee lists and special passes to include birthday parties, celebrations of life, weddings, baby showers, etc
- Supported the Pro Shop for golf outings by preparing alphabetical player lists and individualized passes for numerous outings
- Maintained logs for the main gate and reported to Management; entry of over 73,000 Contractors, and 44,000 visitors safely with only 1 accident reported
- Prepared a proposal with documentation to prove the need for "sally port arms" for the North Gate to help defer unauthorized entry
- Maintained the North Gate mechanics with minimal shutdown periods or malfunctions
- Assisted Management and the community with an explosion at the water compound that resulted in toxic fumes and the fire department in hazmat suits without further incident
- Assisted Management with multiple closures of the main gate entrance and exit during the new round-about construction by the county, ensuring no accidents or issues

### CAPITAL EXPENDITURES PROJECTS:

#### COMMUNITY:

- Benches
- Bulletin Board Replacement
- Emergency Drainage
- Communication Ring Central
- Fence Replacement
- Fountain Motor
- Lake Erosion Control
- New Fountain
- New Signage
- Paving
- Pedestal Replacement Q1, Q2, Q3 & Q4
- Pool Fence & Curbing
- Rebuild Tennis Courts
- Storage Shed

#### GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE:

- Golf Course Equipment
- Golf Course Gazebo
- Irrigation Equipment

#### GOLF STORE:

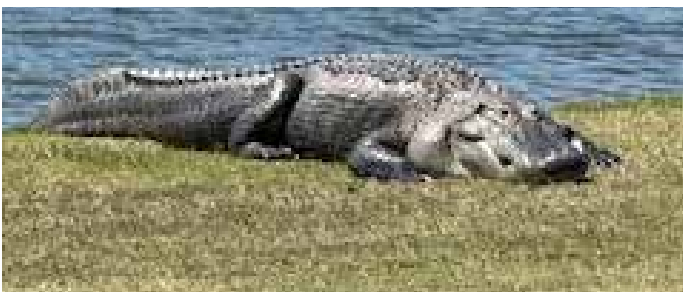
- Golf Club Rental Sets

#### GRILL:

- Bar Sink, Cooler, Freezer & Equipment
- Grill Renovation
- New Walk-in Cooler & Freezer

#### LIFESTYLE

- Billiards Room - 2 New Pool Tables, Carpet and Paint
- Clubhouse - Paint, New Flooring & New Cabinets
- Pool - New Outdoor Furniture, Pool Pumps & Heaters





## 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 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.

**Contact: Makena Fleming in the Activities Office**

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Email: Mfleming@covecommunities.com



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Drive safer and you could save on your auto insurance.

### **AAA Defensive Driver Course for Mature Drivers**

This course was created specifically for drivers 55 and older. It delivers tips and techniques to help experienced drivers compensate for changing vision, reflexes and response time; understand how prescription medications may affect driving; and drive defensively in a variety of situations.

#### **ABOUT:**

#### **Sharpen your driving skills:**

- Learn trusted defensive driving techniques
- Specialized program exclusively designed for adults 55 and older
- Prepare yourself for emergency situations
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Reserve your spot today!

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 28th

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Main Hall

**COST:** \$20 per person

**RSVP:** Lifestyle Office

Learn more about safer driving at [AAA.com/safety](http://AAA.com/safety)



### **JANUARY LUNCH & LEARNS** **SIGN UP NOW IN THE LIFESTYLE OFFICE**



January 7th at 12:00pm  
Polk County Senior Games  
Information  
Arts & Crafts Room



January 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm  
Lewis Tax & Financial - Cameron White  
Arts & Crafts Room



January 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00pm  
Florida Dermatology - Cora  
Arts & Crafts Room



January 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm  
Canadian Medstore - Thomas Rao  
Arts & Crafts Room

Cypress Lakes Village, A 55+ Cove Community



### HOME OF THE MONTH



Congratulations Dee and Patrick Accetta on 2335 Snowy Plover Drive!

Patrick and Dee have proudly called Cypress Lakes home for the past nine years. When they were searching for a place to settle down, they were drawn to Cypress Lakes because of its active lifestyle and incredibly friendly community. In fact, when they first moved in, there was so much to do that they felt a bit overwhelmed, in the best way! They jumped right in and tried just about everything.

These days, Patrick and Dee stay busy enjoying pickleball and taking trips with the RV Club, which they are actively involved in. Being part of such a welcoming and engaging community has made their time here even more special. One of their favorite things about their home is its location. It offers a great deal of privacy, features a large and beautiful porch, and, according to Patrick and Dee, it comes with the best neighbors anyone could ask for. Their home truly reflects the lifestyle and sense of community that makes Cypress Lakes such a wonderful place to live.





# Fitness Center Calendar

Fitness Center Aerobics Room Schedule January 2026  
 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> Yoga 7:15am  Strength Training 8:00am  Cardio & Abs 9:00am  Balance & Core 10:00am  Sit & Fit 10:50am  Chair Yoga 11:30am  Aqua Cardio 12:10am	<b><u>Maddy</u></b> Yoga 7:15am  Strength Training 8:00am  Cardio & Abs 9:00am  Balance & Core 10:00am  Sit & Fit 10:50am  Aqua Cardio 11:30am	<b><u>Mary</u></b> Yoga 7:15am  Step Class 8:15am  Pound 9:15am  Senior Circuit 10:15am  Chair Yoga 11:15am	<b><u>Maddy</u></b> Yoga 7:15am  Strength Training 8:00am  Cardio & Abs 9:00am  Balance & Core 10:00am  Sit & Fit 10:50am  Aqua Cardio 11:30am	<b><u>Mary</u></b> Yoga 7:15am  Step Class 8:15am  Pound 9:15am  Senior Circuit 10:15am  Chair Yoga 11:15am	Videos available under the counter by back window facing golf course Shuffle Board sticks for residents are located in the Fitness Center  <b><u>Wendy/Lynn</u></b> Aqua Tabata 1:00pm Pool 2  <b><u>Martial Arts</u></b> 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (FC)
<b><u>Janet</u></b> Beginners Line Dance 1:00pm  Ping Pong 5:00pm	<b><u>Martial Arts</u></b> 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (FC)  <b><u>Iris</u></b> Qi Gong 6:00pm - 7:00pm CR  <b><u>Dave</u></b> Beginner Tai Chi 7pm (FC)	<b><u>Wendy/Lynn</u></b> Aqua Tabata 1:00pm Pool 2  <b><u>Iris</u></b> Qi Gong 11:30AM - 12:30pm CR  <b><u>Dave</u></b> Tai Chi 10:30 am CR  <b><u>Janet</u></b> Intmd. Line Dance 12:00pm  Rockettes Dance 1:00pm	<b><u>Janet</u></b> Rockettes Dance 11:30am  <b><u>Martial Arts</u></b> 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm (FC)  Ping Pong 5:00pm	<b><u>PING PONG</u></b> Even if you haven't played since high school, chances are you haven't lost that hand/eye coordination. Give our group a try on a Monday or Thursday at 5:00 in the Aerobics Room of the Fitness Center. No cost to play, paddles and balls supplied. Always looking for new participants. <i>Any questions? Anne Bernat 816-1671.</i>	



# Clubhouse Calendar of Events

## Sunday Events:

Bible Study 9:30am CR  
Fellowship Services 11am MH  
Kettle Corn 11am-1pm GWPL Jan 18  
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 Jan 21  
Horseshoes 9:30am Horseshoe Courts  
\*\*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 Jan 21  
Book Club 3:15pm OR Jan 28  
RC Club 4:00pm A&C Jan 14  
Poker 6pm MR  
Progressive Club 6:30pm MH Jan 7  
Conservative Club 6:30pm MH Jan 14  
Shuffleboard 7pm



## \*\*Educational & Special Events

Polk County Senior Games Information  
12:00pm January 7th Arts & Crafts Room

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Lewis Tax & Financial  
12:00pm January 14th Arts & Crafts Room

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Union Barbering with James  
10:00am-1:00pm January 16<sup>th</sup> Palm Room

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Florida Dermatology  
12:00pm January 21st Arts & Crafts Room

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National Chocolate Cake Day Sponsored By  
Lake Gibson Village  
1:00pm January 27th Clubhouse Lobby  
\*while supplies last\*

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Canadian Medstore  
12:00pm January 28th Arts & Crafts Room

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AAA Defense Driving Course  
9:00am-3:00pm January 28th Main Hall

## Monday Events:

Sewing & Craft Group 9:30am A&C  
Ladies Prayer Fellowship 10am CR  
Poker 12:00pm  
Hand Knee & Foot 12:pm & 6pm OR  
Food Truck 5-7pm GWPL Jan 19  
Bridge 6:30pm CR  
Texas Hold'Em 6pm  
Shuffleboard 7pm



## Thursday Events:

Bocce Ball 9am  
Bonsai Club 12pm MH Jan 8  
Hand Knee & Foot  
12pm & 6pm OR  
Stamping/Card Class 1pm A&C  
Poker 1pm MR  
RC Race 2pm GW Jan 1  
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 Jan 15  
Euchre 6pm CR  
Rosary Group 7pm HCH



## Ticket Sales

19th Holers: Jan & Feb Events  
1/5: 9am-Noon, 1/6 & 1/7: 9am-11am  
2/2: 9am-Noon, 2/3 & 2/4: 9am-11am

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Dog Park Comedy Nite  
1/5, 1/8, 1/12, 1/15, 1/19, 1/22  
1/26 & 1/29: 9am-Noon

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PA / ME/ DE DAY  
1/19 & 1/20: 9am-Noon

Happy  
New Year

## Tuesday Events:

Bocce Ball 9:30am  
CAP 10:00am OR Jan 13  
10's 12pm-3pm OR  
Art Club 1pm A&C  
Music Club 1pm MH or OR  
Cue Club 4:30 BR  
Pitch Card Game 7pm NCH  
Bingo 7pm Jan 6, 13, 20 & 27 MH  
Hot dogs 5:30-6:30pm MH  
1st & 3rd Tue  
Bake Sale 5:30pm-6:30pm 1st & 3rd  
Tues MH  
Trivial Pursuit 7pm  
Cigars & Friends 6pm 2nd Tue  
Firepit



## Friday Events:

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



## Saturday Events:

Pancake Breakfast 7am-9am  
MH Jan 17  
Activities Fair 11:30am-2pm MH  
RC Race 9:30am GW Jan 24  
Bocce Ball 9:30am  
Sew Much Fun 9:30am  
Michell'es Create Class  
9-11am & 1-3pm PR  
A&C 3rd Sat  
Rummikub 1pm OR  
Mexican Train 7pm CR



## Clubs & Activities

### CYPRESS LAKES VILLAGE VETERANS ASSOCIATION (CLVA)

Our next General Membership meeting is January 28th, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Flight to Honor Mission #11 is scheduled to take place in early May 2026. 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.

Celebration of Life for Ross Moen will be Friday, January 16, 2025, at 11:00 am in the Main Hall.

Let Dave Glassburn know if you have anything to donate to Talbot House. They can use clothes, shoes, work boots and bikes. Please call David at 941-626-0757 or email [rosendave1@icloud.com](mailto:rosendave1@icloud.com) to donate items. So far this month David has taken 9 trips to Talbot House with Bikes, Clothing and Food. Keep those donations coming.

CLVA now has 124 members. Dues letters have been sent out. To pay your dues contact Donna McCormack at 315-842-5543 or return the form to Donna at her address.

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

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)

Happy New Year!! Here's wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2026.

We wrapped up 2025 with our December meeting. We had a brief business meeting which included thanking the many board members who have completed their rotation. We have elections at our January meeting. After the meeting we enjoyed a delicious array of sandwiches and sides. Then members of the group brought a plate of their awesome desserts to share.

SAVE THE DATE – The "SOUPER BOWL" will be held February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Keep your eyes open for forthcoming details. This is big fundraising event which we donate all funds to "Polk County Flight To Honor".

We continue to offer Hot Dogs etc. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month for Bingo. After the hot dogs stop by the dessert table which is always full of various goodies provided by our members.

Our January General Meeting will be held on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Main Hall. If you have family members who are serving or have served in the military, please feel free to attend our meeting and see how our organization works and what a fun group we really are while helping our veterans.

*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



## Clubs & Activities

### **BINGO**

Join us for Bingo!

Tuesday, January 6, 13, 20 and 27

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, Jan. 13 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 January 6 and 20 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 January 13 and 27.

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**

Our January Conservative Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 2026 6:30 PM in the Main Hall. Our speaker will be Kris Jurski - an entrepreneur who helps scale organizations by troubleshooting; security, financial & operational issues, and then builds systems to fix them. Kris is well known for creating "The People's Audit" an on-line source to help Florida citizens check if their vote was counted, and who is voting from their homes.

*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)*

### **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*



*Wildlife*

## Clubs & Activities

### CURTAIN TIME PLAYERS

With January here, all of us at Curtain Time Players wish everyone at Cypress Lakes a Happy New Year. Hopefully everyone got a chance to see and enjoy our Christmas skit during the annual tree lighting. The show was such a success that we took it on the road to Carpenter's Estate (see related article and picture). By the time you read this, Curtain Time Players will already be in rehearsal for their spring show "Trial of the Wicked Witch". Watch for additional information about show dates and ticket sales.

While the cast will be hard at work, 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.*



The Curtain Time Players took the delightful Christmas skit you saw at the Christmas tree lighting ceremony event last month to Carpenter's Estates, performing "Mrs. C's Sale" for a group of assisted living residents on Dec. 7th. Our very own Santa, Dave Hansen, came along to delight the residents, posing with them

residents, posing with them for photos, as well as helping lead a sing-along of carols with the audience. Penny Rowzee directed and acted in the skit, written by Iris Hansen, with other cast members Vicki Apsey, Tom Apsey, Robin Dubeau, Steve Williamson, Vicky Lee and Lynda Pinsoneault. Also attending from CTP were Iris, Kathy Williamson and Michael Dubeau.

### 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*

*Lenore Foss 863-859-1138*

### STARLIGHT CHORUS

Wishing everyone at Cypress Lakes Village a Happy New Year and looking forward to joyful singing in 2026!! For those that love to sing, please consider joining the Starlight Chorus as we begin preparing for our spring concert. Our first rehearsal is Monday, January 5, 2026 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. We will share planning details and begin practicing for the upcoming concert music. For those that may not sing but want to enjoy our Spring Concert, then mark your calendars for Friday, March 27, 2026 when we present our annual concert.

*Beth Hollabaugh 419-630-6475*



### 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*

### RV CLUB

The next Meeting of the RV Club will be on January 4th. There will be an after Christmas, Christmas Party and Potluck. *Contact is Dottie Bahrenburg*

## 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 January events will be 1/5 9am-noon, 1/6 & 1/7 9am-11am 1/13/26 – “All About Canada” – Cost: \$17.00 11:30 am – doors open at 11am. Join us for an informative and festive lunch learning about and celebrating Canada. Menu will be catered by Paulie and consist of a Chef's Salad Bar with meat and veggie toppings, rolls, beverages and a Canada-themed dessert. There will be a video presentation along with a Canada-themed activity. Joan Milley - 226-345-4851

1/27/26 – James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art and Mazzaro's Italian Market. Cost: \$43 (includes bus and a docent provided tour of the museum). There will be a limit of 55 tickets to sell to fill one bus. Lunch on your own at Mazzaro's. Meet at Administration Parking Lot at 8:45 am for 9am departure. Tour at museum will begin at 11am. There will be time to visit the museum café and gift shop. We will depart for Mazzaro's at 12:30 pm for lunch and shopping (be sure to bring a small cooler for your shopping experience). We will depart Mazzaro's at 3pm.

Ticket Sales for February events will be Mon., 2/2 9am-noon, Tues. & Wed., 2/3 & 2/4 9am-11am.

2/10/26 – “Gift of Giving” Charity Lunch. Cost: \$20. 11:30 am – doors open at 11am. Charity choice will be communicated on Posters, FB Page & February Newsletter. Lunch will be catered by Spontaneous Consumption and will consist of pasta, Caesar salad, garlic bread, dessert & beverages. There will be a silent auction of donated gift items and all proceeds will be gifted to the charitable organization. A guest speaker will be presenting on the organization of choice.

Continue to 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.

Please consider signing up to help with events.

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

### SEWING AND CRAFT GROUP

The Sewing and Craft Group had a successful Craft Fair. A big thank you to everyone who purchased items, made items or helped at the Craft Fair. The next business meeting will be on Monday, January 5th at 10:00am. We meet on Monday mornings at 9:30 in the Arts and Crafts Room to work on a variety of projects. Everyone is welcome to join the fun. We can always use knitters, crocheters, sewers and crafters.

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

*HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Althea Dobbins 440-714-4082*

### 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 meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 3:15 in the Oak Room. We will be discussing Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon - a historical fiction novel about a midwife, Martha Ballard, in 1789 Maine who investigates a man's death after his body is found in the frozen Kennebec River - at our January 28th meeting.

**All residents of Cypress Lakes are welcome to attend.**

**Hope to see many of you there!**

*Chris Nelson 814-341-8399*

### SINGLES CLUB

**JANUARY, 2026**

**Happy New Year!**

Please, bring your calendars & ideas and join us for a meeting the 2nd 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.





## Clubs & Activities

### GARDEN CLUB, YARD OF THE MONTH



Please join us in congratulating the winners of the January 2026 Yard of Month, David & Millie Eddy of 2411 Snowy Plover Dr. This garden has Curbside appeal with color! Pygmy date palms in front with New Guinea Impatiens and Zinnias, sherbet-colored Poinsettias and large double Pygmy Date Palms separating this home from the next. Overall, this is very attractive. You will also see more color in back and a Golden Trumpet plant and sago palm to the opposite side of the home.

Please stop by to admire their attention to detail and care of their well-manicured garden.

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*

### CL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

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

*Gregg Nelson 407-375-0065*

### TRAVEL CLUB

I would like to thank everyone who came to hear Holly from Small World Tours speak about the upcoming trips planned from Cypress Lakes. This month we will be taking a look at repositioning cruises. We will talk about what they are, the kinds of destinations that are included in one, and why they can be budget friendly. Come join us to learn about this unique kind of cruising. We meet on Thursday, January 15 at 4:00pm in the Cypress Room.

*Becky Walsh 863-712-1054*

### BONSAI CLUB

Cypress Lakes Village Bonsai Club will meet on the 2nd Thursday, January 8th 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 New Year. The Garden Club is pleased to have Terry Adkins as our guest speaker at our next meeting. This will be Wednesday January 21st at 3pm in the Arts and Crafts room. Terry is the star of his very own YouTube channel "Bonsai by The Samurai." He will be showing us the proper care and planting technics of the many beautiful and unique bonsai plants.

Come and join the fun. New members are always welcome.

"Gardening is the work of a lifetime: you never finish." - Oscar de la Renta.

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



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It looks like we made it through another year and what a busy year it has been! MUCH was achieved during 2025, and we have no plans to slow down.

#### THE BIG NEWS!!!Comedy Nite

Friends of the Dog Park are offering a Nite of Professional Comedy on February 5, 2026, in the Main Hall. Our comedian, Mark Evans, will present his show "Southern Not Stupid." Mark's comedy has something for everyone, and sure to offer you a night full of laughter. Doors will open at 6:15 pm to allow time for you to purchase fresh hot popcorn and sodas to enjoy during the show which will start at 7:00 pm. Seats ARE reserved, so watch for dates when tickets will be sold during the month. This event WILL sell out so, get your tickets early!

"CLV DOG PARK" Facebook

We also use the site to keep you aware of upcoming special events and changes to every part of the park operation.

#### NOT COMFORTABLE WITH FACEBOOK?

Personal information is never shared. We monitor each request for membership to verify they live in our community to help prevent "outside" trolling. Some members just read the notices and others want to share. Check us out and see for yourself. CLV DOG PARK. The best way to be in the know.



#### Meet HANNAH

Hannah is a Cavalier Spaniel. Cavaliers are very loving and often called "Velcro dogs" since they want to be close to you every minute of the day. Hannah is so sweet and loves her walks, watching TV, riding

in the car and of course the golf cart. Her human mother is Joan Poole who stated "she is the child I never had. I adore her and cannot imagine my life without her." Hannah will be 3 years old this month. HAPPY BIRTHDAY Hannah.

*Janice Simmons, fjq4@aol.com or 423-943-1286*

### CYPRESS LAKES RC CLUB

Happy New Year! Can you believe we've "wrapped up" 2025 and starting 2026 already, WOW how time can really get away from you. Your Cypress Lakes RC Club finished out 2025 with their First Annual Christmas Rally Party. Dinner was catered by Hughes Brothers BBQ with Christmas themed vocal entertainment provided by John P. and Kathy W. Festivities included door prizes and an ornament exchange as we honored our Founder Gary G and Co-Founder Dean B. Thank You to everyone that worked to make the event a success! And of course we couldn't finish out the year without a RC Race, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reindeer Dash. Folks enjoyed the return of our World-Famous Bake Sale, a golf cart decorating contest, a raffle, Rudolph and RC Racing ACTION that included Breath Taking EXCITEMENT at every TURN. Two new drivers joined in on the FUN...Randy B. (Bama) and Christine D. (Chricross), WELCOME!

We start the New Year with RC Racing on January 1st, 2:00 PM @ Cypress Lakes International Speedway (aka Garden Walk Parking Lot) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual New Years' Bash. Our World-Famous Bake Sale Team will be on hand along with the CLVAA offering grilled hot dogs and chips...what better way to "cheer" on your favorite driver(s) than on a full stomach. Following the race enjoy a concert with Steve & Kathy Williamson!

Saturday, January 24 will see the return of Winter Jam RC Race with ACTION getting underway at 9:30 AM @ Cypress Lakes International Speedway. Don't miss the THRILLS and CHILLS of RC Racing at its BEST.

Questions regarding your Cypress Lakes RC Club, how to get involved or becoming a driver (or volunteer), please contact Gary Gentry...813-577-2498. For additional information please visit our Facebook Page...Cypress Lakes RC Club.

We'll see you soon!





## Clubs & Activities

### **PICKLEBALL FUN, FAIR AND COMPETITIVE!**

We enjoyed seeing all of our club members at the Tree lighting and the Pickleball Club Christmas/Holiday party last month. We even got a shoutout from HOA President Gwen Snook for our Christmas Tree. Thank you to our decorating elves.



"Save the Date" for the Men's & Women's Doubles Pickleball Tournaments. They are scheduled for Friday, January 16th & Saturday, January 17th. Depending on the number of participants, we are hoping to have both an "A" & "B" division for both men & women. This year, signing up for all tournaments will be done online through the Pickle Planner website. Submitted by Ken Large, Tournament Director.

Not a member of the Pickleball Club and want to join in on the fun? NEW member forms are available in the cabinet by the entrance of our pickleball courts. New members will be contacted after completed forms are received. To join the club Facebook page go to Cypress Lakes Pickleball League and request to join. For more information on our club email [clpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:clpickleball@gmail.com) and we would be glad to connect and answer any questions.

*Submitted by Annette Mikula, Membership/Publicity Coordinator*



### **TENNIS**

Happy New Year Cypress Lakes 🎉. This year why not make a commitment to play tennis! We anticipate this year will bring new players to join in and be part of the exciting tournaments and social gatherings the tennis club look forward to having each year!

Although New Year 2026 is of note - we have to share news of the club's holiday tournament held on December 12th. This was a festive event as players dressed out in red and green clothing - holiday shirts, hats, socks. There was a great turnout of players and the day ended with a light brunch social!

So here's to a New Year as we look forward to and welcome new players to this great sport where friendship, community, competition, fun and health is loved by many! 🍷🎉🎾



### **CAN-AM GAMES**

#### **📅 Save the Dates – 2026 Can-Am Games!**

We're excited to announce that the 2026 Can-Am Games will kick off on February 16th, 2026 and run through to March 5th, 2026. Mark your calendars and get ready for a fantastic lineup of events, friendly competition, and community support.

#### **📅 Major Events Schedule**

- February 16 – Games Commence
- February 21 – Golf Tournament
- February 28 – NEW: Americans vs. Canadians Softball Game

*All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Veterans Association.*

- March 7 – Dinner & Dance

*All proceeds from the Can-Am Games will go to Neighbor to Neighbor.*

#### **📺 Gift Basket Donations Needed**

We are currently seeking donations for our gift baskets. New or gently used items would be greatly appreciated and will help support our fundraising efforts.

*For more information, please contact  
Michelle Hayes @ 780 817-1435*



## Cards & Games

### CRIBBAGE

19-Nov 1 Keith Nelson  
2 Denise Mangano  
3 Frank Roberts

3-Dec 1 Lowell Johnson  
2 Lori Hext  
3 Keith Nelson

26-Nov 1 Al Dube  
2 Keith Nelson  
3 Frank Roberts  
4 Juanita Kelly

12-Nov 1 Diane Schlichting  
2 Denise Mangano  
3 Susan Dore

### THURSDAY NIGHT EUCHRE

6-Nov Tim Schmieman 56  
Terri Heimlich 52  
Betsy Griggs 46

20-Nov Don Bennehoff 68  
Phil Maniaci 59  
Susan Williams 57  
Bruce Richardaon 57

Loners Lois Stewart 2  
Tim Schmieman 2

Loners Don Bennehoff 4

13-Nov Bruce Richardson 66  
Mel Schlichting 65  
Bonnie Ulrich 62  
Gary Riley 62  
Betsy Griggs 60

27-Nov No Euchre  
Happy Thanksgiving

Loners Bruck Richardson 4

### MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

3-Nov 1 Pauline Fowlie  
2 Lois Stewart  
3 Barbara McClorey  
4 Bruce Richardson

17-Nov 1 Terri Heimlich  
2 Dwayne Holland  
3 Pauline Fowlie

10-Nov 1 Mel Schlichting  
2 Dwayne Holland  
3 Herma Tuttle  
4 Terri Heimlich

24-Nov 1 Herma Tuttle  
2 Dwayne Holland  
3 Pauline Fowlie

### SHUFFLEBOARD

Shuffleboard is played every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening at 7:00 PM weather permitting. We start to gather around 6:40 each of those evenings, and if you have never played please come a little earlier and we can run through the rules and you can take a few practice shots to acquaint you with the game. Bring your nickels and some friends out to play, I am sure you will enjoy the camaraderie and fun we have every night we play.

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

### 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 Warmington 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 Oak 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 outside on the shuffleboard courts during the winter months. Games begin at 5pm on Thursdays, registration starts at 4:15pm, \$2 to pay. Cash prizes. No experience necessary, arrive early and practice! Come toss a bag, bring friends, meet new friends. Check facebook for updates.

*Call 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*

## GAMES

### HORSESHOE PITCHING LEAGUE

Horseshoe pitching here at Cypress Lakes Village is held every Wednesday morning at the courts. We pitch three, 20-shoe, count-all points, handicapped, singles games each week. Each game is pitched against a different opponent. Initial court assignments are decided by blind draw with pitching beginning promptly at 9:30am. There are no fees or dues required to participate, this is a fun and competitive activity for anyone who enjoys pitching horseshoe. It is open to men, and women, residents, snowbirds and visitors, young and old. There are horseshoes available for use on the courts, or you can bring and pitch your own. Averages and handicaps are maintained and updated weekly by the league director and the results are emailed to all participants weekly. Come when you can and play, weekly participation is not required (although it is strongly encouraged!) The first month of the winter season of organized horseshoe pitching is now in the books. We had twenty players who participated in the league this month. The graphs below show the top scratch games, top handicap games from each week, and the November standings. The standings are sorted first by the number of games played then by the number of games won.

Pat Simon Sr – director. 319-575-4411 – Winter director

Chuck Moehring – 716-801-2700 - Summer director

Date	High Scratch Game		High Handicap game	
Nov 5th	Joel McCollough	27	Mike Johnson	71
Nov 12th	Pat Simon Sr	28	Gary Mann / Pat Simon Sr	67
Nov 19th	Pat Simon Sr	34	Pat Simon Sr	73
Nov 26th	Joel McCollough	27	Mike Garland	68

First	Last	Wins	Losses	Scratch	Point		
Name	Name	W	L	Points	AVG.	GMS	HDCP
Pat	Simon Sr	7.0	5.0	264	22.0	12	38
Richard	Harris	7.0	5.0	133	11.0	12	49
Chuck	Parker	5.5	6.5	170	14.0	12	46
Ken	Wonstolen	5.0	7.0	195	16.0	12	44
Mike	Provost	5.0	7.0	143	11.0	12	49
Gary	Mann	4.0	8.0	142	11.0	12	49
Chuck	Moehring	2.0	10.0	211	17.0	12	43
Hugh	McDonald	4.5	4.5	125	13.0	9	47
Mike	Garland	5.5	0.5	67	11.0	6	49
Tom	Giaquinto	4.5	1.5	62	10.0	6	50
Joel	McCullough	4.0	2.0	128	21.0	6	39
Mike	Johnson	4.0	2.0	106	17.0	6	43
Phil	Doughty	2.0	4.0	95	15.0	6	45
Deron	Underdahl	2.0	4.0	82	13.0	6	47
Bob	Ezekiel	3.0	0.0	45	15.0	3	45
Vicki	Bassett	3.0	0.0	39	13.0	3	47
Kevin	McKnight	2.0	1.0	21	7.0	3	53
Ed	Seitz	1.0	2.0	48	16.0	3	44
Ray	Olsen	1.0	2.0	15	5.0	3	55

### CAN RECYCLING VOLUNTEERS



Jock MacKinnon, Mike Stone, Tim Klein, Bobby Allen, Rich Gross, Jack Curtin, Al Bird, Bill Lebrun and Wayne Letourneau

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

Come join Wendy or Lynn for Aqua Tabata at 1 PM at the pool closest to the Fitness Center ( WEATHER PERMITTING - 70 DEGREES).

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. 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

## Community Events



### ACTIVITIES FAIR

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17**  
**MAIN HALL 11:30 am – 2 pm**  
 Sloppy jo, chips & soda \$5  
 While you check out the tables!

Find out about a game or  
 hobby or club  
 you don't know about  
 from friends and neighbors  
 here at Cypress Lakes!

Join us for information, table raffles and camaraderie!

When was the last time you  
 tried something for the first time!

It's a New Year!  
 Take time for something new for YOU!  
 ?? Gwen Snook 517-937-2921

## MICHELLE'S CREATE CLASSES ARE BACK

Create Concrete Painting  
 Classes are filling up quick!

Palm Room

January 24, 2026 9-11am & 1-3pm

February 7, 2026 9-11am & 1-3pm

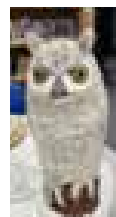


Lots of new molds to choose from,  
 along with your favorites.  
 If interested please call Victoria Dicks  
 at 317-340-4769 to reserve your spot.



If you would like to check out the  
 products from my catalog, please  
 email Michelle at mdhayes1@telus.net

Enjoy a fun painting session with  
 friends, learn some new painting  
 techniques, and take home a  
 beautiful concrete creation  
 of your own.



Saturday, January 31st

Back-Home Dinner Party

Doors open 5:30pm Dinner: 6pm **BYOB**

Water, ice provided

Pot Luck: Salad, Entrée, Dessert or Side Dish (Sign Up at ticket sales)

\$5 Tickets on sale in Clubhouse Lobby

January 19th, 20th, 21st 9 am-noon

FUN Golf Scramble

Mixed Scramble Shotgun (Sign-Up at ticket sales)

North Course Meet at 11am Prize Fee: \$5

Non-members: Pay greens fees (Guest fee-\$ ) at the Pro Shop before playing. (??Pat 904-806-8363 Ron 863-804-6924)

Enjoy a fun party and a round of golf with  
 CL neighbors that have lived in your state.

?? Diane 734-218-4037 ?? Tickets after Jan 15th. Leesa 610-442-6340

## Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, January 17

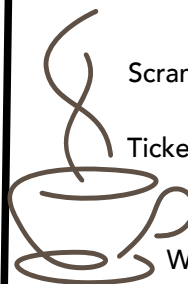
7-9:30 am, Main Hall

\$6 tickets in advance, \$7 at the door

Includes: Sausage,  
 Pancakes & Syrup or Blueberries,  
 Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Cup, Juice & Coffee

Tickets at HOA Office during regular hours  
 The weather is cooler so it's  
 a good time for a hot breakfast!  
 What a great start to your weekend!

Bring friends from your neighborhood!  
 We'd love to recognize your group!  
 We'll reserve your table on request!





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

### ACH UPDATE

ACH is available (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 be processed. 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 the 5th of each month will be included in that month's payment run on the 20th.

### 2026 MATCH PLAY TOURNEY

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.

### GOLFING AT NIGHT!

That's right — join us on Thursdays for 11 weeks, starting December 11th, 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!

### JOIN OUR GOLF CLINICS

Starting Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, join us every other week at 2:30 pm for a one-hour golf clinic with PGA Professional Tom Shaw.

Space is limited to the first 10 participants be sure to sign up weekly to reserve your spot!

Cost is \$20 per session

### BCMGA

Happy New Year!!!!!!!!!!!!

This is the beginning of a great year. Enjoy the weather. Enjoy the course. Be sure to thank the workers for keeping the course in such great shape. When you watch the news/weather, take time to enjoy the weather that we have here in Florida where we can golf pretty much any day. I know the pictures of the snow-covered landscape look pretty, but nobody golfs in that stuff. Set yourself a goal to try to drop that handicap by a couple of strokes.

If you don't receive the results of our Thursday games by the next day, please email me at [devildrider@gmail.com](mailto:devildrider@gmail.com) with your email address.

How often do you land in the sand? When I do, I become angry because of the footprints that my ball ultimately ends up in. I know the deer and birds can't rake after themselves, but we carry rakes on our cart for a reason. So, clean up after yourselves. Help the next player by raking up your tracks. Maybe the next time you are in the sand, you will have a decent lie.

Games this month:

- Jan. 1st Bloody Mary Open (open to all)
- Jan. 8th President's cup (Stapleford) Individual Net (Entered in GHIN)
- Jan. 15th Field Day: 2-Man Team Front 9 - Net Best Ball Back 9 - Scramble  
Note: Annual Mtg Dinner
- Jan. 22nd Team 3 Best Ball Net (ABCD Team) (Entered in GHIN)
- Jan. 29th Two-By-Four (2x4) Net (ABCD Team)

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

### INBU – Carts

#### Cypress Lakes Community Golf Cart Shop

##### Allied Lithium Golf Cart Batteries

- 8 Year Warranty
- More Miles per Charge
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- Faster Charge Time
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- 300+ Pounds Lighter
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**Starting at \$2249** plus tax



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**813-400-1414**

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

### 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 January in Florida, we are seeing some much cooler/cold 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.

#### Games for January 2026:

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

- Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Happy New Year 2026 - No Golf Today
- Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> Field Day Scramble with hot dog luncheon after golf
- Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> Quota Points
- Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> Low Net
- Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> Quota Points

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

### CLV CHRISTIAN GOLF FELLOWSHIP

Cypress Lakes Christian Golf Fellowship will play a scramble on the third Saturday of January, the 17th on the South Course with tee times starting at 11:30 pm. 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*

### BCLGA

Happy New Year 🎉 BCLGA members.

Best of health and a good golf game to you all! 🏌️

Hopefully, we will have a mild winter with few cancellations. Starting in January match play will begin.

So sign up ASAP.

If you are new to our community or already living here and want to join a good group of women Come join us. We play every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. There is no minimum of play dates that are required. If interested contact Donna Short at 816-560-4297

#### January games:

- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Low net Par 4's
- Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> Stableford
- Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> Eclectic week 1
- Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> Eclectic week 2

### NORTH STARS

Happy and Health New Year to all of you. We hope to have an exciting year, especially as we prepare for the Winter "Cookout" on January 14. We will meet in the North Clubhouse after golf. Bundle up and have some fun. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to buy Christmas gifts for six children this year. As always, it was fun shopping for the children.

#### January 2026 Games:

(9:00 shot gun start; 8:30 check-in)

- Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> Putts
- Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> Winter cookout - String Scramble
- Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> Eclectic
- Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> Eclectic

### SWINGERS

Dues will be January 10th. Please note that instead of our annual meeting at the North clubhouse before golf, we will be meeting at the Grill after golf. We still need a secretary at this time and we will also be talking about game formatting, playing scrambles all the time or rotating with play your own game. So come out even if you're not golfing and voice your opinion.

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

Games for January will be discussed at our annual meeting January 10th.

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, Barb Gabbert. Please leave a message as she doesn't not answer calls that are not in her contact list.

*Barb Gabbert League President 815-341-2378*



## BIG CYPRESS GRILL

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## *January Entertainment Schedule*

*Reservations are suggested for all activities in the Grill.*

*Server and seat requests are accepted but not guaranteed.*



Karaoke 6-9pm Every Wednesday

Bar Games 5pm Every Monday

Sat	Jan 3rd	Old Enough to Know Better	6-9pm
Sat	Jan 10th	Sixx L Sixx	Noon
Sat	Jan 17th	The Trainwreks	6-9pm
Fri	Jan 30th	AV Project	6-9pm
Sat	Jan 31st	Bone Cartel	6-9pm

Music and entertainment schedule is subject to change without notice.

## THANK YOU

Big Cypress Grill management and staff would like to thank everyone for coming in and supporting us not only during the transition but also through the newly started Grill renovations. We appreciate all of you. We appreciate your support and look forward to more positive changes in 2026.

Have a safe and happy 2026

## BAR GAMES

Bar Games every Monday's starting at 5 pm. Reservations are suggested. You do not have to wait until Thursday to call and reserve a spot for Monday Bar Games.

We suggest you bring small bills with you for bar games. The ATM does not give out 5's and though we do usually have some extra 5's and 1's, Big Cypress Grill not have always have enough to make change for everyone on Monday nights.

## HAPPY HOUR

Be sure to stop by and check out the selection on beer and wines we now offer. We are happy to say we are working with a local vendor, Keel & Curley, and now have a very tasty selection of their wines and sangria.



Changes to happy hour will start in January 2026. That e-mail will be coming soon.



As a reminder, Big Cypress Grill does offer delivery Thursday - Saturday during lunch and dinner at no charge (weather permitting).



Big Cypress Grill management and staff have the right to refuse service. No outside food or beverages allowed in the Grill.



## 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 January 3rd. Come, bring a friend, and join us!

*Ron Sallada 863-604-5924 rsallada@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*



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



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Pastor Phil Young is a native of upstate New York and has devoted nearly five decades to pastoral ministry. Ordained to the Gospel Ministry here in Lakeland in 1981, he is a graduate of Florida Southern College and holds ministry degrees from both Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Over the years, he has faithfully served churches across Florida, Tennessee, Texas and New Hampshire.

### 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  
jojbon@tampabay.rr.com*

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## **REFORMATION**

**Lutheran Church (ELCA)**





Nancy Shaw	1/6	Beverly Winans	1/6
Theresa Shepherd	1/6	Bryan Everett	1/6
Fayth Warmington	1/6	Paul Goostrey	1/6
Durwood Winchell	1/6	Judi Huffer	1/6
Donald Brandsma	1/7	Christine Wohlers	1/6



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## Birthdays

William Mennen	1/21	Karen Hathaway	1/23	Alma Lokken	1/26	Bonnie Barrett	1/29
Tom Paulson	1/21	Jennifer Hostutler	1/23	Daniel Shepherd	1/26	Dean Bonaiuto	1/29
Patricia Reynolds	1/21	Lisa Mazur	1/23	Cheryl Violette	1/26	Terry Ezekiel	1/29
Julie Amos	1/22	Evelyn Sullivan	1/23	Vicki Armendinger	1/27	David Fozard	1/29
Althea Dobbins	1/22	Terri Traggio	1/23	William Glose	1/27	Bob Logan	1/29
Richard Duane	1/22	Thomas Apsey	1/24	Diane Greb	1/27	Karen Skidmore	1/29
Delia Harris	1/22	Patty Ellsworth	1/24	Lawrence Kauffman	1/27	Richard Toth	1/29
Ken Large	1/22	Daniel Paukner	1/24	Dominic Piozi	1/27	Mark Wagner	1/29
Peter Iaria	1/22	William Riley	1/24	Gerald Titherington	1/27	Angela Werksman	1/29
Earl Laughlin	1/22	Mark Smith	1/24	James Chiado	1/28	Thomas Ellis	1/30
Robert Moreau	1/22	Jeanne Winchell	1/24	Karl Farmer	1/28	Sheryl Myers	1/30
Dennis Pell	1/22	Becky Jensen	1/25	George Giesman	1/28	George Rundt	1/30
Ed Stewart	1/22	Charles Lanczkowski	1/25	Evelyn Hees	1/28	Michal Wright	1/30
Bob Baltos	1/23	Randy Summers	1/25	Sam Holbrook	1/28	Marie Gregorich	1/31
Gary Bryant	1/23	Milda Collins	1/26	Paul Maciejewski	1/28	Pat Kane	1/31
Vivian Chartrain	1/23	Robert Collins	1/26	Bonnie Mallard	1/28	Cinda Lindsey	1/31
Daniel Cole	1/23	Connie Doughty	1/26	Dennis McLaughlin	1/28	Michael Mangano	1/31
John Collier	1/23	Daniel Gagne	1/26	Madeline Mott	1/28	Julie Retzlaff	1/31
Richard Donaldson	1/23	Daniel Hollon	1/26	Robert Talvensaari	1/28	Barton Tokas	1/31
Sabrina Harrison	1/23	Roseline Klembarsky	1/26	Lynn Williams	1/28	Lealand Wallin	1/31

### NEW RESIDENTS

### ADDRESS

### PHONE

Campbell, Norma	2272 Big Cypress Blvd	440-796-3144
Stocker, Bill	2272 Big Cypress Blvd	863-660-7331
Cleaver, Bryce Jennifer	9618 Cypress Lakes Drive	231-233-0425 / 231-690-1285
Creekmore, Geoff & Casie	9901 Cypress Lakes Drive	863-797-9699 / 863-797-9983
Fly, Cathie	9944 Killdeer Lane	610-457-4109
Leibensperger, Larry	9944 Killdeer Lane	484-357-3920
Keenan, Kelly	9485 Big Apple Lane	413-636-5299
Johnson, Richard & JoAnne	9856 Moorhen Drive	813-957-8990 / 813-957-8991
Kemp, David & Christine	2190 Firestone Way	804-892-4357 / 804-652-9462
Lynch, Daniel & Twila	9718 Cypress Lakes Drive	612-799-6410 / 612-799-9513
Maietti, Ralph & Gail	9410 Birdie Circle	856-340-8151 / 856-777-3418
Webb, Kevin & Dee	9463 Max Fly Drive	517-795-9563 / 517-795-9564



### NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

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



Thank you Harry & Mikey  
for hanging the Christmas Lights



## From the HOA- President Gwen Snook

### HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION NEWS & EVENTS

The parties are over and we're taking down the trees (January 2) and making plans and resolutions for 2026! Can we all be more patient with each other and kinder with our words and deeds? That includes respecting resident volunteers who perform many duties in Cypress Lakes. The library volunteers make sure things are neat and put away EVERY DAY and were gobsmacked (look it up!) when they came in one morning to find 9 bags of books that had been gathered for Salvation Army pickup had been torn into, the books scattered and strewn about. Or the can recycle volunteers who collect the cans to crush find garbage or glass mixed into CLEARLY MARKED 'CANS ONLY' pails and must sort it out to do their jobs. It is not funny. It is rude. If you see someone disrespecting our community and residents like this, at least report it!

Mark your calendar for the Homeowner's Association Annual Member meeting. Your dues must be paid by January 3 in order to attend and vote in this meeting. Proxies will be delivered after Christmas and if you will not be able to attend the meeting, please fill out the proxy and return it to the HOA office. We must have a quorum to conduct business! Not able to attend the meeting? You may request an absentee ballot by checking the box on your proxy. It will be delivered to you. The new board will meet afterward to determine officers and committee chairs. By statute, no nominations can be accepted after the December Board meeting.

We have a budget for Membership to review and ratify, information Membership dues and Committee reports and other business on the agenda! We are planning a busy year and will need all of you to support our efforts, provide input, energy and suggestions and be good neighbors to each other! We are able to meet challenges and opportunities through everyone's efforts. We welcome your comments and suggestions at this meeting. Sign up to speak when you enter!

Happy New Year to all and as we reflect on the past to make plans for the future, remember you can't overestimate the power of a simple smile in a world that frequently feels divided and disconnected. Reduce your stress, lower your blood pressure, and boost your immune system – and everyone's around you! It's simple, free and easy-to-do! I'll start! Gwen Snook, CLHA President 517-937-2921

### HOA SPECIAL EVENTS IN JANUARY!

Monday, January 12	Board of Directors Meeting 6pm - Arts & Crafts
Wednesday, January 14	Resident Coffee 8am - Main Hall
Saturday, January 17	Monthly Pancake Breakfast 7-9am - Main Hall
Saturday, January 17	Activities Fair 11:30am-2pm - Main Hall
Sunday, January 18	Kettle Corn Spontaneous Consumption 11am-1pm - Garden Walk
Monday, January 19	Food Truck Event 5-7pm - Garden Walk
Wednesday, January 21	Annual HOA Members Only Meeting - 6pm check in -7pm meeting - Main Hall

\*\*There is no Night at the Movies in January

### SHOW TIME ENTERTAINMENT

It's ShowTime for 2026! You've received your ticket package, the dates are on the calendar and we're ready to enjoy the shows! If your plans change and you have tickets you don't need, contact me at once! We hold a wait list for people who have guests coming in for each show! It's first come, first serve, so if you find YOU are needing extra tickets, again contact Gwen Snook at 517-937-2921. Our first show is 'Knights of Music'. See you Thursday, January 8. The 'Sirs' Elton John, Mick Jagger, Andrew Lloyd Weber, Paul McCartney and MORE will be with us as we pay tribute!

Then on Thursday, January 29, we'll be dancing in the aisles to 'Creedence Revived' as they feature CCR American Rock starting with 'Susie Q'. We'll sing along to "Bring a song and a smile for the banjo, better get while the gettin's good," Yes, we love John Fogarty and Creedence Clearwater Revival music!

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

## From the HOA- President Gwen Snook

### FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMEOWNERS (FMO)

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The next District I meeting is Thursday, January 15, at Four Lakes community in Winter Haven. Details are on the FMO Bulleting Board in the Oak Room. Want to ride along? Call us!

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### WELCOME COMMITTEE

Welcome to Cypress Lakes Village!

Join us for the Welcome Committee's first Meet and Greet of 2026 on Thursday, 2/5 at 10:00 AM in the Arts & Craft Room at the Main Clubhouse! Come spend some time with Cypress Lakes Village staff and HOA Board members for a fun and informative gathering. Please RSVP to Debbie Haynes at 804-994-1938.

The new members of the Welcome Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Pam, Karen, Phyllis, Marsha, and Wendy for their dedication and hard work over the past few years. The new members of the Welcome Committee are Debbie Haynes (debhaynes77@hotmail.com) and Susan Bodrie, Chairpersons, along with Nancy Bagley, Tim Haynes and two previous members Phyllis D'Ambrosio and Marsha Hoffman.

Please call me if you are a new resident and have not received a Welcome Packet.

The HOA plays a vital role in our Cypress Lakes Village community. Please stop by the HOA Office in the Main Clubhouse and sign up to become a member!

*Debbie Haynes – 804-994-1938 – debhaynes77@hotmail.com*

*Susan, Nancy, Tim, Phyllis and Marsha*

### CITIZENS ASSISTED PATROL (CAP)

We are all members of the Polk County Sheriff Volunteer Staff providing extra eyes and ears in Cypress Lakes! We currently have a few people in the queue for training but we welcome more! It takes more than two hours to patrol our 50+ miles of streets and you could help us!

Applications are in the Oak Room. Our next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 13 in the Oak Room at 10 am. Check us out, ask questions, talk with veteran members to find out what we're about! Or catch us at the Activities Fair on January 17 in the Main Hall! We'll have a raffle for you to win pancake breakfast tickets too!

Be careful out there! When you walk, when you drive your car or cart, when you ride your bike. Only YOU can make the real difference. Slow down. Stop at pedestrian crosswalks when there are people entering the area.

Additional winter residents mean you need to stay alert, and obey posted speed limits and stop signs to keep everyone safe! Extra attention around congested areas like the clubhouse helps you be prepared!

*Gwen Snook & John Miller, Coordinators*

### CERT

★ Welcome to 2026 at Cypress Lakes Village!

The days are growing longer, and our community activities are in full swing.

👤 CERT Crew Meeting; It's the perfect time to become part of the team, give back to our community, and help keep Cypress Lakes Village safe and prepared. Your participation truly makes a difference!

★ Safety Reminders for the New Year

- Carry or wear a light when out at night so you can be seen.
- Choose reflective clothing or a vest for added visibility.
- Keep pets safe with reflective gear too.
- Drivers: please slow down, watch for walkers and bikers, and give plenty of space.

❤️ Life is precious and short—let's all look out for one another and make 2026 a safe, joyful year together!

*Tobey Kress - Team Lead*

*Rob Kowalski - Team Lead*

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## Courtesy Patrol

### **"BETWEEN THE LANES"**

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

[bbinns@covecommunities.com](mailto:bbinns@covecommunities.com)

This month we would like to ask, "Did you know that Courtesy Patrol offers many forms to help us organize your information?" These forms serve various needs for homeowners: Multi Day Form, Vacation & Absentee Form, and Preferred List Form and can all be obtained from the Gatehouse. For help with the forms, call 863-859-7275 and a Courtesy Patrol Team Member will be happy to assist you.

**THE MULTI DAY FORM:** If your guest will be staying for over three days, please submit a Multi Day Form to Courtesy Patrol. The form includes sections for your details, guest's name, arrival and departure dates, and comments. A special pass is provided for your guest, permitting a stay of up to 29 days. This pass enables entry through the resident lane at the gate without requiring the guest to stop at the Gatehouse. Please submit the form at least 48 hours before your guest is scheduled to arrive. If a guest is staying for more than 29 days, please visit the Sales Office to obtain a Renter's Pass on their behalf. Necessary documentation will be processed, and the pass will retain its validity indefinitely unless you make a change. Rentals in Cypress Lakes Village must be at least 30 days. Advertising in any social media of your home as an Airbnb for an overnight/short-term stay is strictly prohibited.

**VACATION & ABSENTEE FORM:** Submit this form to Courtesy Patrol if you will be away from your residence for an extended time. This is useful for those who move between locations during the year. The form requests your emergency contact and lets service providers access your home while you're away. Big Cypress Golf Club Members can complete a section on the form to have statements mailed to their residing address.

#### **THE PREFERRED LIST & THE PREFERRED LIST FORM**

The Preferred List is a secure and confidential database maintained in the computer at the Gatehouse of frequent regular visitors and your emergency contact or keyholder. The Preferred List Form permits each homeowner to designate up to three frequent visitors.

The Courtesy Patrol Team and Rover Patrol wish you happy holidays as the New Year approaches.

### **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.

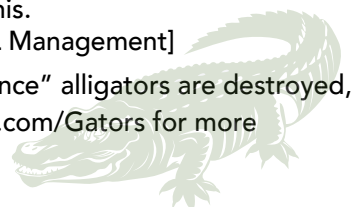
Generally, alligators less than four feet in length are not large enough to be dangerous unless handled.

\*\*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





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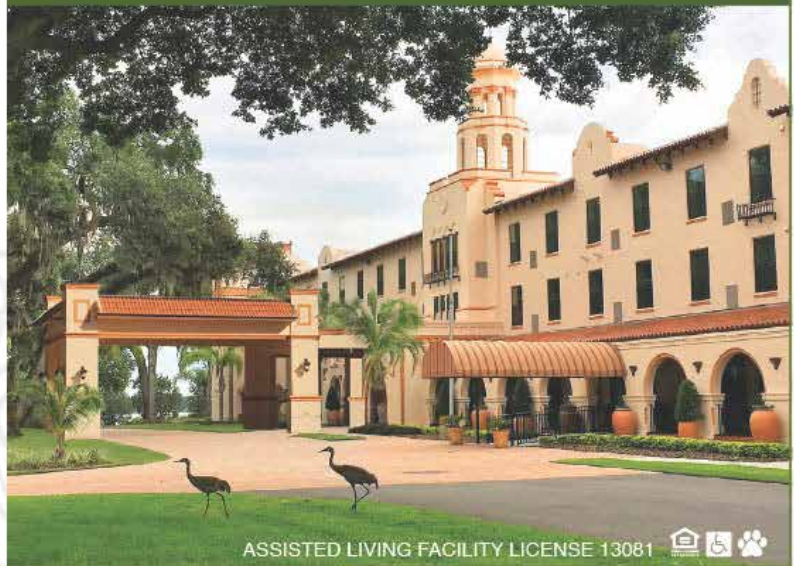


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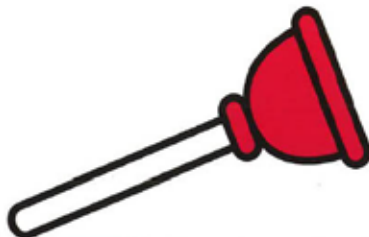
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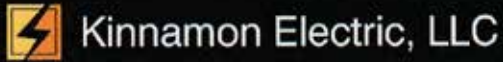
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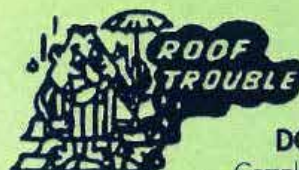
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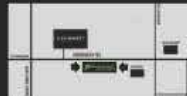
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