



Cypress Lakes Village

A COVE COMMUNITY

February 2026

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Big Cypress
GOLF CLUB

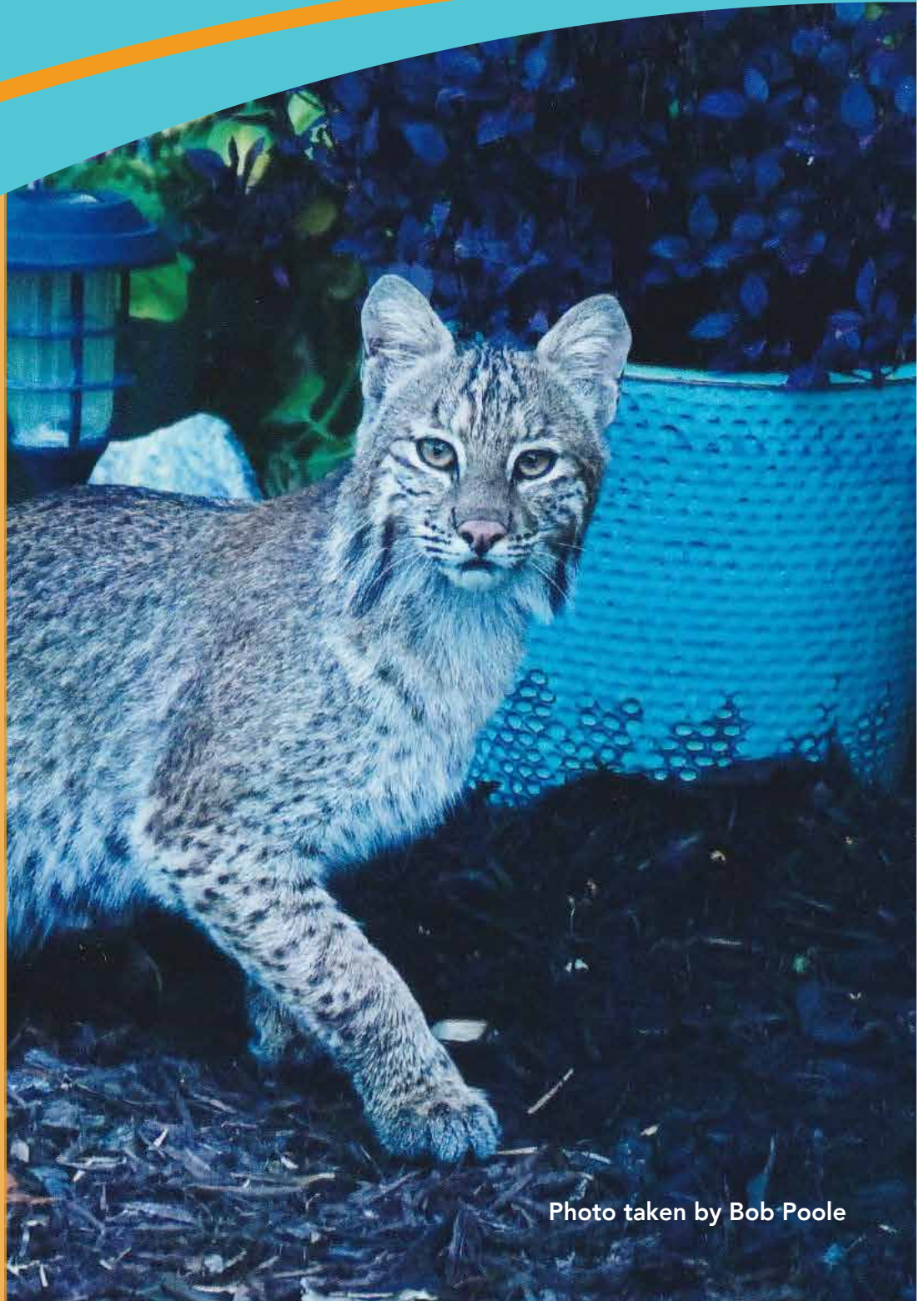


Photo taken by Bob Poole

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

Dear Residents,

We wanted to take a moment and thank all the volunteers throughout 2025 and the all the volunteers that will help out in 2026. We would also like to send out a special thank you to the Gwen Snook who has put so much of her time and energy into being president of the HOA here at Cypress Lakes Village, you will be missed.

As we look ahead to 2026, one of our priorities is continuing to invest in the long-term beauty, cleanliness, and overall appeal of our community. To support this goal, we will be introducing "360° Community Inspections" throughout the year.

These inspections are part of our ongoing commitment to keeping Cypress Lakes a place we are all proud to call home. You may see members of our team walking around the community and near individual homes as we complete these routine assessments. Their focus will be on identifying opportunities to enhance curb appeal, ensure homesites are in good condition, and keep the grounds clean and well cared for.

As each inspection is completed, all residents will receive a copy of their report for aesthetics compliance, giving you full visibility into the findings and any recommendations. To ensure you receive your report promptly, please make sure we have your most up-to-date email address on file. If you need to update your email, you can find the update form in the Administration Building with Becky and/or the Lifestyle Office (see sample form below).

Our aim is simple: to maintain a community environment that reflects the high standards we all expect and deserve. By taking a proactive approach, we can address maintenance needs early, keep common areas looking for their best, and continue building a welcoming neighborhood for everyone.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. Should you have any questions about the 360° Inspection program, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Community Office.

Warm regards,

Cypress Lakes Management



RESIDENTS OF CYPRESS LAKES

We are going to be implementing a new Aesthetic policy that is in place with all Cove Properties. Cove 360 Home Inspection has been implemented and to assure you are receiving your properties letter of inspection we are asking all residents to update their email information.

- Residents listed must be on lease for property
- Please stop by the Admin/Sales Office (Becky), or the Lifestyle Office to fill out this form with your contact information
Resident Lot # _____

Name _____

Cell Phone # _____

Email _____

2026 HANDICAP GOLF STICKERS

The Handicap Golf Stickers for 2026 are here and can be picked up Monday thru Friday with Becky at the Admin/Sales Office.

Please bring your handicap placard or your registration showing a handicap plate when picking up the sticker.

Robert Parody, CCM,
ACM
Community Manager
800-627-2427 or 863-859-
1431
www.covecommunities.com

Heather Parker
Assistant Community
Manager
863.859.1431
www.covecommunities.com

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

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

HOME OF THE MONTH

"Ron and Cheryl Sallada of 9508 Robellini Court have been proud residents of Cypress Lakes for an impressive 28 years. They chose Cypress Lakes after Cheryl's parents retired here, and they quickly knew it was the perfect place to call home. Over the years, Ron and Cheryl have become true advocates for the community and are actively involved in many activities. They enjoy running the Bonsai Club, golfing, attending Bible study and men's breakfast, and bowling in the Cypress Lakes Men's Bowling League. Ron also proudly serves as a golf course ranger. Their favorite thing about their home is that it's the perfect size, with a yard they truly love, and a location they wouldn't trade for anything. The Salladas are especially well known throughout the community for their beautiful bonsai displays, which add charm and character to their home and neighborhood."



FEBRUARY LUNCH & LEARNS

SIGN UP NOW IN THE LIFESTYLE OFFICE



**Feb. 4th at 12:00: Dr. Tonya LaLonde
with Florida Speech and Hearing Gibson
Arts & Crafts Room**



**Feb. 11th at 12:00: Michele Cage with
Tessier Law Firm
Arts & Crafts Room**



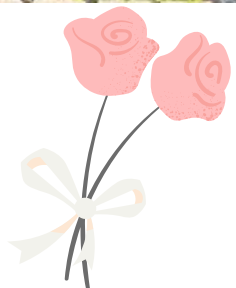
**Feb. 18th at 12:00: Tamara Palascio with
SkyMed
Arts & Crafts Room**



**Feb. 25th at 12:00: Carla Candiotty with
Polk County Sheriff's Department
Arts & Crafts Room**



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*



Fitness Center Calendar

Fitness Center Aerobics Room Schedule February 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
<u>Maddy</u> 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 <u>Janet</u> Beginners Line Dance 1:00pm Ping Pong 5:00pm Videos available under the counter by back window facing golf course	<u>Maddy</u> Yoga 7:15am Strength Training 8:00am Cardio & Abs 9:00am Balance & Core 10:00am Sit & Fit 10:50am Aqua Cardio 11:30am <u>Martial Arts</u> 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (FC) <u>Iris</u> Qi Gong 6:00pm - 7:00pm CR <u>Dave</u> Beginner Tai Chi 7pm (FC) Shuffle Board sticks for residents are located in the Fitness Center	<u>Mary</u> Yoga 7:15am Step Class 8:15am Pound 9:15am Senior Circuit 10:15am Chair Yoga 11:15am <u>Wendy/Lynn</u> Aqua Tabata 1:00pm Pool 2 <u>Iris</u> Qi Gong 11:30AM - 12:30pm CR <u>Dave</u> Tai Chi 10:30 am CR <u>Janet</u> Intmd. Line Dance 12:00pm Rockettes Dance 1:00pm	<u>Maddy</u> Yoga 7:15am Strength Training 8:00am Cardio & Abs 9:00am Balance & Core 10:00am Sit & Fit 10:50am Aqua Cardio 11:30am <u>Janet</u> Rockettes Dance 11:30am <u>Martial Arts</u> 1:30 pm (FC) Ping Pong 5:00pm	<u>Mary</u> Yoga 7:15am Step Class 8:15am Pound 9:15am Senior Circuit 10:15am Chair Yoga 11:15am <u>Martial Arts</u> 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (FC)	<u>Wendy/Lynn</u> Aqua Tabata 1:00pm Pool 2 <u>Martial Arts</u> 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (FC)



FEBRUARY FITNESS CHALLENGE

Details
Join Maddy & Mary's Fitness Challenge from February 2nd - 27th for a chance to win!

Punch cards will be passed out in the Lifestyle Office and your instructors. You will have an opportunity for one punch per day from Mary or Maddy. Each day punched equals 1 entry. Be sure to put your name on the card!

The winner will be announced on March 1st—don't miss out on the fun!

FEBRUARY 2ND- 27TH

FREE

JOIN TODAY

Clubhouse Calendar of Events

Sunday Events:

Bible Study 9:30am A&C
Fellowship Services 11am MH
Kettle Corn 11am-1pm GWPL Feb 8
RV Club 2:00pm A&C Feb 1
Tuck 6pm CR



Wednesday Events:

Residents Coffee Talk 8:00 MH 2nd Wed
New Life Veterinary Clinic 9am PR Feb 18
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 Feb 18
Book Club 3:15pm OR Feb 25
RC Club 4:00pm A&C Feb 11
Poker 6pm MR
Progressive Club 6:30pm MH Feb 4
Conservative Club 6:30pm MH Feb 11
Shuffleboard 7pm



****Educational & Special Events**

Florida Speech & Hearing
12:00pm February 4th Arts & Crafts Room

Tessier Law Firm
12:00pm February 11th Arts & Crafts Room

National Peppermint Day Sponsored by
Heaven to Earth Care
11:30am February 11th Clubhouse Lobby

while supplies last

SkyMed
12:00pm Feb 18th Arts & Crafts Room

Polk County Sherriff's Department
with Tamara Palascio
12:00pm January 28th Arts & Crafts Room

Monday Events:

Sewing & Craft Group 9:30am A&C
Ladies Prayer Fellowship 10am CR
Poker 12:00pm
Hand Knee & Foot 12:pm & 6pm OR
Neighbor To Neighbor 3pm CR Feb 9
Food Truck 5-7pm GWPL Feb 9

Bridge 6:30pm CR

Texas Hold'Em 6pm

Shuffleboard 7pm



Thursday Events:

Bocce Ball 9am
Welcome Committee 10am A&C Feb 5
Peg Leg Ice Cream Truck 11am-2pm
Bonsai Club 12pm MH Feb 12

Hand Knee & Foot

12pm & 6pm OR

Stamping/Card Class 1pm A&C

Poker 1pm MR

Cornhole 4:45pm Shuffleboard Courts

Singles Club 4pm 2nd Thurs A&C

Travel Club 4pm CR Feb 19

Euchre 6pm CR

Rosary Group 7pm HCH

CTP Production 6:30pm MH Feb 26



Ticket Sales

19th Holers: Feb & Mar Events

2/2: 9am-Noon, 2/3 & 2/4: 9am-11am

3/2: 9am-Noon, 3/3 & 3/4: 9am-11am

CTP Spring Production
2/2, 2/3 & 2/4: 9am-Noon

EC Valentine's Day Dance
2/4: 9am-Noon

CAN AM Dinner & Dance
2/10, 2/11 & 2/12: 9am-Noon

Ambucs, CLVA & RC Club
A Patriotic Night of Music
2/16, 2/17 & 2/15: 9am-Noon
2/23, 2/24 & 2/25: 9am-Noon

Michigan Daze
2/23, 2/24 & 2/25: 9am-Noon

Tuesday Events:

Bocce Ball 9:30am
CAP 10:00am OR Feb 10
10's 12pm-3pm OR
Art Club 1pm A&C
Music Club 1pm MH or OR
Billiards Club 4:30 BR
Bingo 7pm Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24 MH
Hot dogs 5:30-6:30pm MH
1st & 3rd Tue
Popcorn 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 3rd Fri PR
Whippersnappers 4:00pm NCH
Shanghai Rummy 6pm OR
CTP Production 6:30pm MH Feb 27
Cribbage 7:00pm CR
Shuffleboard 7pm



Saturday Events:

Pancake Breakfast 7am-9am
MH Feb 21
CLVA Car Wash 8am-2pm
GW Feb 14
Business Expo 9am-1pm MH Feb 7
Activities Fair 11:30am-2pm
MH Feb 21
RC Race 3pm GW Feb 14
RC Race 9:30am GW Feb 28
Bocce Ball 9:30am
Sew Much Fun 9:30am A&C Feb 15
Michell'es Create Class
9-11am & 1-3pm PR Feb 7
Rummikub 1pm OR
Double Deck Pinochle 3:30pm OR
Valentine's Day Dance
6:30pm MH Feb 14
CTP Production 6:30pm MH Feb 28
Mexican Train 7pm CR

Clubs & Activities

CYPRESS LAKES VILLAGE VETERANS ASSOCIATION (CLVA)

Our next General Membership meeting is February 18th, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Car Wash is scheduled for February 14th, 2026 in the Garden Walk Parking Lot 8am-2pm.

Fourth Annual Car Show is scheduled in March, more details to follow.

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.

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 to donate items.

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.

To pay your dues contact Donna McCormack at 315-842-5543 or return the form to Donna at her address.

Bob Collins, CLVA Secretary

CYPRESS LAKES VILLAGE VETERANS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY (CLVAA)

Happy February Everyone. Enjoying the beautiful weather is definitely a plus in our neck of the woods. Getting from one activity to another in the coming months will not be hindered with "adverse weather". Looking forward to seeing all of you on February 12th at the "Souper Bowl". Doors open at 4pm. There will be many different entries for you to enjoy. There will be hot dogs, drinks and chips available at the kitchen window to purchase. The Sweet Shop will be open to accept your door prize tickets for a chance to take home one of the homemade goods created by the bakers in the community. You are more than welcome to donate a baked good if your heart so desires. Contact Debbie Rondeau 863 868 9260 for details. Remember – all monies will benefit "Polk County Flight to Honor." Speaking of hot dogs – we continue to offer them and all the trimmings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month before Bingo. And to top it off we have various sweets at our dessert table for you to enjoy. Stop by – you won't be disappointed.

Our next general meeting will be February 2nd, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Main Hall. See you then

Debbie Rondeau – CLVAA Secretary



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



CYPRESS LAKES VILLAGE
RESIDENT
EMAIL LIST *To subscribe:



Email to 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

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

Clubs & Activities

BINGO

Join us for Bingo!

Tuesday, February 3, 10, 17 and 24

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, Feb. 10 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 February 3 and 17 from the kitchen beginning at 5:30. Come and join us for dinner with friends before bingo!

The Dog Park Committee will be selling popcorn, soft drinks and other goodies on February 10 and 24.

We hope to see you at Bingo! *Patti Wagner (814) 558-6311*

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 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 February Conservative Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 PM in the Main Hall.

Our speaker will be Paul Renner, who is a Republican Candidate running for the Florida Governorship in the upcoming 2026 election. Renner has previously served in our Florida State House of Representatives for over 9 years, including being elected as "Speaker of the House" from 2022 to 2024.

Questions: Contact *Vida McCullough at 904 434 0813 or clrepclub@protonmail.com*

PROGRESSIVE CLUB

You're warmly invited to join us for the Progressive Club meeting on Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30 PM. This gathering will be a relaxed ice cream social and a great opportunity to connect with neighbors.

Edwin Perez will be joining us. He is running for the Florida House of Representatives in District 51—our district. Edwin will share his vision and take time to speak with attendees.

All are welcome. Come enjoy an hour of learning, conversation, and community with your neighbors. We hope to see you there!

Anne Van Hulse. annevanhulse@yahoo.com

Janet McClelland jmcc623@gmail.com

BILLIARDS CLUB

We have several events planned for this winter. First, we kicked off our 2026 Winter Eightball league January 11th with a total of 16 players. This runs through April. We have an eightball tournament starting soon. We welcome all skill levels.

We play Kelly Pool every Tuesday starting at four and ending around eight. If you're unaware of Kelly Pool, google it. It's a great game and a lot of fun.

If it's been a while since you polished up your game, many of us play pretty much every day in the billiards room from three till six and some play later. Stop in and check it out. Everyone is happy to help you get your game back up to speed.

New tables, new furniture, new carpet and possibly new friends. Come check us out. For more information email Ronbice01@gmail.com.

As we say, "It's not about the billiards, it's about the good time." *Ron Bice - 651-261-0351*

Clubs & Activities

CURTAIN TIME PLAYERS

It's February and Curtain Time Players are hard at work on our next performance. We therefore want to give you a preview of the show and ticket information. Our February show is entitled "Trial of the Wicked Witch" by Craig Sodaro. The show tells the following story:

The wicked Witch has finally been caught and hauled into the Court of Once Upon a Time to stand Trial. She is accused of multiple crimes in this upbeat ensemble production. "Trial of the Wicked Witch" is a fresh, sassy, take on some of the old folk tales, turning them on their heads. It's a show that will be enjoyed by all! Ticked information is as follows:

Ticket sales are Monday 2/2/2026, Tuesday 2/3/2026 and Wednesday 2/4/2026 from 9 am to 12 pm, and ticket prices are \$10.00 and there are eight seats to a table.

The production dates are:

February 26, 27, 28 at 7pm in the Main Hall. The doors open at 6:30.

We normally hold our monthly meetings in the Cypress Room on the 4th 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.

RV CLUB

The next meeting of the CLRV Club will be held on February 1, at 2 PM in the Arts and Crafts room. 2025 was a great year for the RV Club with trips to Gulf Shores, AL and to Huntsville (Rocket City) area.

We have two great trips planned for 2026, including stops in St. Augustine and more.

Contact is Dottie Bahrenburg



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

STARLIGHT CHORUS

It's getting closer to time for the Annual Starlight Chorus Concert.....SO.....SAVE THE DATE.....Friday, March 27, 2026. Tickets will be on sale in early March and are \$10.00 each. The chorus looks forward to seeing you as they present "Starlight Memories".

Beth Hollabaugh 419-630-6475



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 352-468-8660

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)

If you are interested in diamond painting, sometimes called diamond art. *Trish Walthers 407-617-3586*

CL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Call or text Sharon Hallax 813-928-3207 or Gregg Nelson 407-375-0065



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 on the Bulletin Board in the Oak Room, at the Mail Kiosks & on our Facebook Page.

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 10:45am. We will be supporting One More Child whose mission is to provide services to vulnerable children and struggling families. 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 One More Child. We will have a guest speaker from One More Child that will present on this organization. *Debbie Stott 610.742.0464*
2/24/26 – Breakfast at Fred's Market and visit to Lakeside Village Carpool. No cost for carpool – breakfast on your own. If you are planning to join the carpool to breakfast at Fred's Market, you must come to ticket sales to obtain a carpool spot and to be included in the count for breakfast. Meet at Garden Walk Parking Lot at 8:45 am for 9am departure to Fred's Market. Breakfast reservation is at 9:30am. Enjoy a buffet breakfast at Fred's Market and then a visit to Lakeside Village. Lakeside Village is an open-air shopping, dining, and entertainment center offering national brands and local boutiques in a walkable, village-style setting.

Jan Boyd – 248.224.3865

Ticket Sales for March events will be Mon., 3/2 9am-noon, Tues. & Wed., 3/3 & 3/4 9am-11am.
3/10/26 – Members' Only Lunch – Cost \$25 – 11:30am – doors open at 11am. This year's Members' Only Lunch will be held in the Main Hall. Lunch will be catered by Spontaneous and will consist of honey-glazed ham, roasted turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, cornbread stuffing, macaroni and cheese, green beans, garden salad, cranberry sauce, rolls/butter, dessert and beverages. We will conduct our annual business meeting after lunch and vote on the new slate of Advisors. The proposed slate will be posted on the bulletin board in the Oak Room and on our FB page by 2/10/26.

Debbie Stott 610.742.0464

If you are interested in becoming an Advisor, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Oak Room or you can contact one of the officers – Debbie Stott, Ruth Roberts, Judy Davis or Jan Boyd before 2/9/26.

SEWING AND CRAFT GROUP

The Sewing and Craft Group wants to Welcome all new people and Welcome back Snowbirds. The business meeting was held on December 15, 2025. The minutes were read and committee reports were given. There were 194 Children's Outfits, 61 Baby Layettes, 89 Lap Robes and 60 Comfort Stitchers items made and donated in 2025. The next business meeting will be February 2nd at 10:00 am in the Arts and Crafts Room.

A special thank you to everyone who helped or contributed to the Craft Fair as it was a great success. Santa's Elves who worked on the Christmas Tree did a fabulous job. Thank you to everyone who has donated time or items. Any donations of yarn, fabric or notions can be brought to the Arts and Crafts Room on Monday mornings. Come and join us at 9:30 am on Monday mornings in the Arts and Crafts Room to work on a variety of projects. ALL ARE WELCOME !!!

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 *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters - a novel about a four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl who disappears from blueberry fields in Maine in 1962, following her story and that of her family, as well as a white girl who grows up with a secret about her own identity, exploring themes of family, loss, trauma, and identity across decades. - at our February 25th meeting. *Chris Nelson 814-341-8399*



Clubs & Activities

GARDEN CLUB, YARD OF THE MONTH

Please join us in congratulating the winners of the February 2026 Yard of Month, Tom & Patti Manko of 2390 Mulligan Dr.

What a beautiful and well-maintained garden! Dwarf Pigmy Palms hold the spotlight in front with pops of color from New Guinea Impatiens, Ixora, coleus, Gardenia and Camellia with a boxwood to balance out the view in the beds. Marguerite daisies are added to enhance the coleus. One side of the home shows off a poinsettia from last Christmas which has grown full and lovely and the opposite side has full hanging ferns and various potted plants including Christmas cactus. Mully grasses are also found on this side yard with coleus. Overall, this garden is easy to enjoy and is well-loved. 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



TRAVEL CLUB

Have you ever thought about wanting to see the northern lights? Come join us on Thursday, February 19 at 4:00 in the Cypress Room. We're going to learn about the dancing lights and the best places to visit for viewing them. We'll also explore different tour operators and packages that include the chance of seeing this night time spectacle

Becky Walsh 863-712-1054

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

BONSAI CLUB

Cypress Lakes Village Bonsai Club will meet on the 2nd Thursday, February 12th 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

GARDEN CLUB - COME JOIN US!

In keeping with the Valentine theme, our February Garden Club meeting will be discussing companion gardening. We will discover which plants grow well with others. Come and join the fun. New members are always welcome. We will be meeting February 18th at 3pm in the Arts and Crafts room.

"The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature," - Alfred Austin
May your garden flourish and multiply.

Thanks, Louise Stutesman 253-228-0707



Clubs & Activities

SINGLES CLUB

Upcoming events: For starters:

Feb. 26th Parkesdale Farm

Feb. 27th Philharmonic Orchestra

Mar. 1st BEE GEES

Mar. 7th Church Dinner Theater

Mar. 8th Lakeland Concert Band

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

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.

For more information, contact

Cheryl Amundson-Renton 971-777-4713

CYPRESS LAKES RC CLUB

2026 got off to a "Roaring Start" with the 2nd Annual New Year's Bash RC Race. We were "blessed" with AMAZING weather and 32 ENTRIES racing toward the Winner's Circle. CLVAA was onsite with a Hot Dog Cookout (they SOLD out), our World Famous Bake Sale SOLD out of their fresh baked goods and we finished the day with a concert provided by Steve & Kathy Williamson. Thank You to EVERYONE that shared their holiday with us! Congratulations to Randy B. (Bama), Chris W. (Wheelz Ridin' Dirty), Paul D. (Crazy Canuk) and Chris K. (Intimidator) for winning their respective divisions as well as ALL those in attendance...it was a GREAT day for RC Racing.

Two races scheduled for February; Cupid's Chase, Saturday, February 14th (3:00 PM start time) and The Cypress Lakes 200, Saturday, February 28th (9:30 AM start time). Both events take place at Cypress Lakes International Speedway (aka Garden Walk Parking Lot). You will also have an opportunity to see us during the HOA Activities Fair on Saturday, February 21st (see HOA for full event details). Our monthly club meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday each month @ 4:00 PM in the Arts & Crafts Room, our February meeting date is Wednesday, February 11th.

We now have a "Loaner Car Program" available for those that may be interested in joining the club but not sure what to expect. We will "loan" you a car that you use for practice for 3-4 days and then join us for the next upcoming race with that car.

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.

SPECIAL EVENT NOTICE... in cooperation with Cypress Lakes AMBUCS, Cypress Lakes RC Club and Cypress Lakes Veterans Association (all proceeds benefit these community-based organizations), we will be hosting "A Patriotic Night of Music" with John Picciano and Friends, Sunday, March 8th in the Main Hall...doors OPEN at 4:30 PM, performance begins at 5:00 PM. Tickets \$10 each, mark you calendars NOW, you won't want to miss this spectacular heartwarming event.

We'll see you soon!



Clubs & Activities

PICKLEBALL FUN, FAIR AND COMPETITIVE!

We are glad to have all of our snowbirds back with us and playing on the courts. It is so great to see so many pickleball players out having fun. The club has many offerings including Member open play, Ladies and Mens leagues , DUPR League and reserved DUPR play for those establishing a rating or working on theirs. As a reminder the system works best when you are playing with others with similar DUPR ratings.

"Save the Date" for two pickleball events in February. First is the Mixed Doubles Tournament scheduled for Friday February 6th and Saturday February 7th for 8:00 am - 1:00 pm each day. On February 14 we have the Sweet Heart Mixed doubles tournament from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. 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 and we would be glad to connect and answer any questions.

Submitted by Annette Mikula, Membership/Publicity Coordinator

TENNIS

Departing News from the Tennis Club -

Many of you know "Lynda Pinsonneault" a long time resident here in Cypress Lakes, announced on Friday, January 2nd her resignation from the Tennis Club. Lynda spent the last nine (9) years serving this community as President of the Tennis Club. She has spent many hours planning, scheduling and much more, ensuring the Tennis Club was equipped with all that's needed to play tennis here in Cypress Lakes.

This February 2026 section of the newsletter is set aside to "thank you Lynda" for all the tireless hours you have given to the club. I must also give thanks to her husband, Jim Pinsonneault, for always assisting her to make sure the needs involved for the many tournaments were met! The baton has passed on to "Bob Vaughn" as the Tennis Club new President. Let's give Bob a welcome when you see him! There will be more information to come as the club transition under his new leadership.

So we end by bidding Lynda adieu and expressing our gratitude for the incredible passion for tennis she has given to Cypress Lakes!

DOG PARK



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
Want to stay up to date with the many activities of the Dog Park?

Join us at:
CLV Dog Park

FEB 5 "Southern Not Stupid" by Mark Evans. Mark is a professional Comedian and will offer a night of great laughter! Fresh popcorn, cold soft drinks and water will be sold. Check to see if tickets are available.

PET OF THE MONTH



Meet Lily, a Dobe Phantom Miniature Poodle, WOW what a big name for this 11 lb baby! Lily loves everyone, has no manners and would rather jump on your lap, give you a kiss and go. Since the age of 16 weeks Lily has been going to the Dog Park to play with her favorite friend "Bobby". At home Lily has a sibling, Sebastien, a Bangel cat. She is spoiled, probably because her MOM thinks she is the baby (and I am sure she is)

Bingo POPCORN Nite

There is nothing that smells better than the aroma of fresh popcorn! Now YOU can enjoy Fresh POPPED Popcorn every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. The Dog Park will be providing popcorn prior to Bingo. Serving time will be 5:30pm - 6:45pm from the kitchen of the main hall. The sales are open to the public. Soft drinks and water will also be available.

Janice Simmons, fjg4@aol.com or 423-943-1286

MICHIGAN DAZE

Saturday, March 21st - Dinner

More details to follow

Watch for e-mails and the Facebook page





CAN AM GAMES 2026
FEBRUARY 16 - MARCH 7th
All Proceeds from Can-Am Games
will be given to Cypress Lakes
Neighbor to Neighbor



Date	Day	Activity	Organizer	Phone	Start Time	Sign up	Notes
16-Feb	Monday	Hand, Knee & Foot	Gail Hanus	952-451-2690	6:15pm		
18-Feb	Wednesday	Best Obedient Dog	Janice Simmons	423-943-1286	1-3pm	Oak Room	Garden Parking Lot
18-Feb	Wednesday	Best Dog Trick	Janice Simmons	423-943-1286	1-3pm	Oak Room	Garden Parking Lot
20-Feb	Friday	Cart Parade	Bob Byers	269-861-6560	2pm		Line up in front of Sales Office
20-Feb	Friday	Tennis	Bob Vaughn	610-704-5220	1-5:30pm	Tennis Courts	
20-Feb	Friday	Cribbage	Jennifer Houstutler	612-554-5272	6:45pm		
21-Feb	Saturday	Mexican Train	Arlene House	860-944-0178	7pm		
21-Feb	Saturday	Rummikub	Milly Eddy	315-813-8670	1pm		
21-Feb	Saturday	Golf	Allen Tener	863-859-6871	8:30am Shotgun	Oak Room	\$10 Lunch Tickets Paid to Lifestyle Office
22-Feb	Sunday	Billiards	Mark Schaefer	612-720-1409	2pm	Oak Room	
23-Feb	Monday	Darts	Alvin Hayes	780-865-4640	5pm		
24-Feb	Tuesday	Farkle	Vivian Holtzinger	720-218-2520	1-5pm	Oak Room	Game Played in Oak Room
25-Feb	Wednesday	Sudoku	Diane Grebb	226-930-9517	1-5pm	Oak Room	Game Played in Arts & Crafts Room
25-Feb	Wednesday	Mahjong	Annette Ringle	419-262-7236	12:30pm		
25-Feb	Wednesday	Horseshoes	Pat Simon	319-575-4411	9am	Pit	
25-Feb	Wednesday	Karaoke	Michelle Hayes	708-817-1435	5pm		
26-Feb	Thursday	Euchre	Phil Maniaci	810-623-0106	6:15pm		
26-Feb	Thursday	Cornhole	Tim Hughes	443-876-5376	5pm	Cornhole	
27-Feb	Friday	Bocce Ball	Gary Riley	863-603-8367	9:30am	Court	
27-Feb	Friday	Shanghai Rummy	Glenda Dickerhoof	330-813-8081	6:30pm		
27-Feb	Friday	Bowling	Lisa Parmenter	313-828-9539	9am	Oak Room	\$12.00 for 3 games, \$2.00 shoes
28-Feb	Saturday	*Softball Game	US - Tim Shay	734-250-1799	11:30 - 4:00pm	Oak Room	Game played at Driving Range
28-Feb	Saturday	*Softball Game	CAN - Alvin Hayes	780-865-4640	11:30 - 4:00pm	Oak Room	Game Played at Driving Range
2-Mar	Monday	Bridge	Faith Mackinnon	902-848-6383	7pm		
2-Mar	Monday	Shuffleboard	Al Bird	612-309-4875	6pm	Shuffleboard	
2-Mar	Monday	Tuck	Trish Walthers	407-617-3586	1-5pm	Oak Room	Game played in Cypress Room
2-Mar	Monday	**Quilting Contest	Louise Coulombe	603-723-8127	1-5pm	Oak Room	Bring your quilts to Main Hall by 12pm
4-Mar	Wednesday	Pickleball	Ken Large	863-308-0611	2-7pm	Court	
4-Mar	Wednesday	Duplicate Bridge	Faith Mackinnon	902-848-6383	6:30pm		
6-Mar	Friday	Speed Puzzlers	Michelle Hayes	780-817-1435	1-4pm	Oak Room	Game in Main Hall (max 20 teams)
2/16 - 03/03		Photography	Greg Nelson	407-375-0065			Send pictures to gdnelson99@icloud.com

***28-Feb Come out to the ballgame, also have lunch, all proceeds from this event will be going to the Veterans**

****2-Mar Come down and see the beautiful quilts between 1 & 4pm**

Saturday, March 7th Dinner & Dance 5pm - Tickets Sales Feb 10. 11 & 12 Clubhouse Lobby 9am-12pm

Cards & Games

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CRIBBAGE

<u>17-Dec</u>	Diane Schlichting	<u>31-Dec</u>	1 Mel Schlichting
	Denise Mangano		2 Cindy Clark
	Mike Wohlers		3 Cyndie Chase
	Harry Rosel		4 Diane Schlichting
<u>24-Dec</u>	1 Keith Nelson	<u>07-Jan</u>	1
	2 Bill Kelley		2
			3

FRIDAY NIGHT CRIBBAGE

<u>19-Dec</u>	1 Mel Schlichting	<u>02-Jan</u>	1 Susan Dore
	2 Charlotte		2 Charlotte Tambor
	3 Cyndie Chase		3 Roxi Fontain
<u>26-Dec</u>	1 Al Dube	<u>09-Jan</u>	1 Wesley
	2 Joanne Burkemper		2 Jim Troy
	3 Tom Connelly		3 Al Dube

THURSDAY NIGHT EUCHRE

<u>5-Dec</u>	Dave Sauter	65	<u>18-Dec</u>	Chris Wohlers	62
	Becky Sauter	61		Richard Harris	60
	Bonnie Murray	54		Bruce Richardson	50
	Don Bennehoff	54		Loners Linda Riley	3
Loners	Tim Schmieman	4			
<u>11-Dec</u>	Olly Williams	63	<u>25-Dec</u>	No Euchre	
	Mel Schlichting	56		Merry Christmas	
	Don Bennehoff	56			
	Sue Lowe	52			
Loners	Jim Schwartz				

MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

<u>1-Dec</u>	1 Lois Stewart	<u>22-Dec</u>	1 Wesley Kaletka
	2 Barbara McClorey		2 Mel Schlichting
	3 Terri Heimlich		3 Betty Parker
	4 Bruce Richardson		
<u>8-Dec</u>	1 Kathy Garland	<u>29-Dec</u>	1 Mel Schlichting
	2 Pauline Towlie		2 Diane Schlichting
	3 Bruce Richardson		3 Faith MacKinnon
	4 Mel Schlichting		
<u>15-Dec</u>	1 Diane Schlichting		
	2 Mel Schlichting		
	3 Lois Stewart		

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 Oak room at the clubhouse. If you want to learn, we are there every third Sunday at 5.

Trish Walthers 407-617-3586

DOUBLE DECK PINOCHLE

Double Deck Pinochle is played weekly on Saturday from 3:30 - 6:00pm.

For more information contact Graig Newell 702-400-7962

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

BOCCE BALL

BOCCE BALL 9:30am Tues Thurs & Sat. Everyone welcome!

Gary Riley 863-603-8367

PING PONG

Here we are again, looking for folks to enjoy our air conditioned (or heated) space in the Aerobics Room of the Fitness Center. We meet on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:00. All supplies are provided at no cost. If I can get someone to run it we might even have a Can-Am competition happening in the near future.

Any questions? Anne Bernat 816-1671.

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 and play when you can, weekly participation is not required (although it is strongly encouraged!)

With two months of our pitching season concluded we are beginning to see some excellent scores being put up by our members. Below are the top scratch point games, and top handicap games by week for December. The December standings sheet is shown below that. Those statistics are sorted first by the number of games played then by the number of wins. *Pat Simon Sr – director. 319-575-4411 – Winter director*
Chuck Moehring – 716-801-2700 - Summer director

Date	High Scratch Point Game		High Handicap Point Game	
3-Dec	Pat Simon Sr	27	Joe Campbell	72
10-Dec	Pat Simon Sr	29	Deron Underdahl	74
17-Dec	Pat Simon Sr	32	Chuck Moehring	71
			Chuck Parker	71
			Phil Doughty	71
24-Dec	Deron Underdahl	32	Deron Underdahl	77
31-Dec	Deron Underdahl	31		
31-Dec	Chuck Moehring	31	Deron Underdahl	75

Name	Name	W	L	Points	AVG.	GMS	HDCP
Pat	Simon Sr	15.0	12.0	623	23.0	27	37
Gary	Mann	13.5	13.5	374	13.0	27	47
Chuck	Moehring	13.5	13.5	548	20.0	27	40
Hugh	McDonald	13.0	11.0	357	14.0	24	46
Richard	Harris	12.5	11.5	258	10.0	24	50
Deron	Underdahl	14.0	7.0	379	18.0	21	42
Ken	Wonstolen	9.0	12.0	332	15.0	21	45
Chuck	Parker	8.0	13.0	322	15.0	21	45
Mike	Provost	7.5	13.5	262	12.0	21	48
Mike	Garland	12.5	5.5	190	10.0	18	50
Kevin	McKnight	9.0	9.0	160	8.0	18	52
Tom	Giaquinto	8.5	6.5	160	10.0	15	50
Phil	Doughty	4.0	10.0	272	18.0	15	42
Joel	McCullough	6.5	5.5	277	23.0	12	37
Cecile	Bedard	2.5	6.5	127	14.0	9	46
Mike	Johnson	4.0	2.0	106	17.0	6	43
Joe	Campbell	2.0	4.0	69	11.0	6	49
Bob	Ezekiel	3.0	0.0	45	15.0	3	45
Vicki	Bassett	3.0	0.0	39	13.0	3	47
Ed	Seitz	1.0	2.0	48	16.0	3	44
Ray	Olsen	1.0	2.0	15	5.0	3	55

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. For those interested in participating in the Can AM games, we will be playing the single elimination tournament on March 2nd. The starting time will be 6:00 PM, and you can sign up on the Canadian or US signup sheets every Monday, Wednesday And Friday at our regular shuffleboard playing times.

If you have any questions please call Al Bird @ 612-309-4875

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

The Cypress Lakes Entertainment Committee presents

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

Saturday February 14, 2026

THE AV PROJECT



Doors open 6:30pm, Dancing 7pm – 10pm,
Tickets \$10.00 On Sale Wednesday Feb. 4th
9am – Noon, Tables of 8
8 Tickets Max Individual Purchase
Save Your Place in Line from 7am – 7:30am on Feb 4th

??? Donna Massaro 609-203-0174

FEBRUARY RAFFLE

Stop By the Lifestyle Office! Feb. 2nd-12th

Read the Valentine Question in the office

Write your name, number, and answer on a card

Drop your card into the raffle box

Correct answers will be entered for a chance to win a dinner for two giftcard!

TICKET
ADMIT ONE
★★★★

Winner Announced February **13TH**

CAN AM DINNER & DANCE

MARCH 7TH

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY GROOVE INFUSION

GROOVE INFUSION

Tickets on sale in the main hallway on Feb 10TH, 11th & 12th 9am to 12pm (\$35.00 person)

Includes **20 tickets** for the **Basket Raffle**

All proceeds go towards **Neighbor to Neighbor**

NATIONAL PEPPERMINT DAY

To celebrate National Peppermint Day, Latoya Golden with Heaven to Earth Care will be passing out FREE Peppermint in the Main Hall Lobby!

February 11th, 2026
11:30 a.m. Main Hall Lobby
while supplies lasts

SOUTH COUPLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Championship Season kicks off this month with the South Couples Championship on Sunday, February 22.

Format: 6-6-6

- Holes 1-6: Best Ball
- Holes 7-12: Alternate Shot
 - One player tees off on odd-numbered holes
 - One player tees off on even-numbered holes
- Holes 13-18: Shamble (combined score)

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Billiards Room. Grab your partner and join us as we tee off another great championship season at Big Cypress!

IT'S SHOOTOUT TIME!!

This exciting event gives all members the chance to compete, showcase their skills, and potentially be crowned The Shootout Champion. Who will be the last player standing?

Men's Qualifier - Saturday, March 7

- Shotgun Start: 9:00 AM
- Qualification: Top 10 Gross and Net scores advance to the Shootout

Ladies Qualifier - Saturday, March 14

- Shotgun Start: 9:00 AM
- Qualification: Top 10 Net and Gross* scores advance to the Shootout
- A Gross Division will be offered for the Ladies based on participation. If you're interested in competing in the Gross Division, please be sure to sign up!

The Shootout:

- 1:00 PM, or as soon as all qualifiers are gathered at the 10th tee

TIME TO CROWN A CHAMPION

We will also be crowning our Club Champions!

The 2026 Club Championship will be held March 28 & 29, with tee times starting at 8:30 AM both days. All Big Cypress Golf Members are encouraged to participate.

Prizes will be awarded in Flights:

- Ladies: Gross and Net Champions
- Men: Three divisions — White Tee, Combo Tee, and Red Tee
- Sign-ups begin February 5

Get signed up, bring your game, and let's crown our champions!

WHAT DOES THE 90-DEGREE RULE ACTUALLY MEAN?

If you see a sign that reads "90-degree rule in effect today," or something similar, the meaning is really not as ominous as it may seem. All this sign, or the helpful attendant at the pro shop, means is to please keep your golf cart on the path, except for a right angle turn across the fairway directly toward your ball and back. Rather than drive directly to your ball, it's asked that you drive straight back to the path and repeat the process each time. This helps to limit the stress on the fairway.

FRIENDLY TIPS

Just a couples of tips to help with pace of play & etiquette. Please mark your score on the next tee box. This will help reduce unnecessary wait time for the group behind you. Anticipate the club you will use on your next shot. Most of us play a hole the same way and will, most likely be using the same club for that shot from round to round. After playing a ball from the bunker rake and smooth it over. Do your best to give your fellow golfers the type of surface you would like to see for that one time your ball goes into a bunker.

Fill your divots with sand and fix you pitch marks. Gary and his crew do a fantastic job keeping our course looking top notch with your help it can look even better.

THE HANDICAP FLAG RULES:

- Golf Cart may be driven on par 3 fairways (except South #8)
- Golf Cart may be driven inside yellow posts and around the back of greens.
- Cart must be parked no closer than 30 feet from any green and avoid parking on slopes.
- Cart must never be driven in between greenside bunkers and the green. (Example #17)
- When course conditions dictate Cart Paths Only, this applies to ALL golf carts.

INBU – Carts 813-400-1414

Cypress Lakes Community Golf Cart Shop

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BCMGA

While February is the shortest month it is one of our busiest with two Presidents Cup events plus our annual two-day Member/Member.

Games this month

- Feb. 5th President's Cup - Stableford Individual Net - Post in GHIN
- Feb. 12th Member/Member - Day 1 Two-Man Best Ball Net
- Feb. 13th Member/Member - Day 2 Two-Man Net Total - Post in GHIN
- Feb. 19th Shamble 4-Man Net ABC Team
- Feb. 26th President's Cup - Stableford Individual Net - Post in GHIN
Shootout after the round for Cup Flight Winners (best 4 scores)

Remember to record your scores in a timely manner into the Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN) network. Most BCMGA golfers post their scores via the internet (GHIN.com) or via the USGA GHIN phone app. For those who are not proficient in posting online, a kiosk in the Billiard Room is typically available to post your scores. When the kiosk is not operational, turn your scorecard over to the Golf Shop so they can enter your score into GHIN.

Here's a tip from a PGA pro: "You play your best when you don't really think of anything, you just set your target and go". The point of his statement is do not overthink and keep it simple when playing with "Just a little takeaway thought" and that is it.

Keith Roberts 719-649-2079 kar.colospgs@comcast.com

REMINDER

Golf cart paths on both North and South Courses are for golfers playing a round of golf. To ensure everyone's safety, the following non-golfing activities are not allowed during daylight hours on the course: walking, jogging, bicycling, dog walking, fishing, or non-playing golf cart rides. Daylight hours are defined as ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour BEFORE sunset. The course will be closed to all activities 1 hour after sunset. [Dog walking is not permitted on the golf course at any time].

BCLGA

Welcome to February BCLGA members. Hopefully this month will not be too cold !!

This is our Member Member tournament this month, So time to find a partner, if you don't already have one, and if you need help finding a partner the members on the board will do their best to help you. This is a two week event with the luncheon after week two, you need to play the two weeks.

If you are new to our community and want to play golf with some great women come join us. We play every Tuesday, a.m. at 9. We accept members of the course and no members. If interested call Donna short at 816-560-4297,

she would be happy to take your info.

Our games are handicapped, so everyone has a fair chance of winning weekly games for February 2026

- Feb. 3rd Quota Points
- Feb. 10th Week 1 Member/Member
- Feb. 17th Week 2 Member/Member - Lunch Following
- Feb. 24th Three Clubs and a Putter



JANUARY

Monday 5th - Match Play Tournament Starts
Thursday 8th - 3rd Round of MGA Presidents Cup
Thursday 15th - MGA Winter Field Day

FEBRUARY

Thursday 5th - 4th Round of MGA Presidents Cup
Thursday 12th - MGA Member - Member Day 1
Friday 13th - MGA Member - Member Day 2
Sunday 22nd - Couples Club Championship
Saturday 21st - American - Canadian Golf Tournament



MARCH

Thursday 5th - Final Round of MGA Presidents Cup
Saturday 7th - Men's Shoot Out Gross & Net
Saturday 14th - Ladies Shoot Out Gross & Net
Thursday 19th - MGA Spring Field Day
Sunday 22nd - AMBUCS Golf Skills Challenge
Saturday 28th - Club Championship - Day 1
Sunday 29th - Club Championship - Day 2

APRIL

Thursday 9th - Cypress Classic Practice Round 1:00 Shotgun
Friday 10th - Cypress Classic - Round 1 & 2
Saturday 11th - Cypress Classic Round 3 & 4
Sunday 12th - Cypress Classic Final Round and Shoot Out

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 with February being one of those months, we play the Three Clubs and a Putter Tournament with a pizza luncheon after golf!! It is now February 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 February 2026:

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

- Feb. 5th LOW NET
- Feb. 12th Three Clubs and a Putter Tournament with pizza luncheon after golf
- Feb. 19th QUOTA POINTS
- Feb. 26th LOW NET

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 February, the 21st 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

NORTH STARS

This month the North Stars will celebrate Valentine's Day on Feb. 11th during Cupid's Capers. Hopefully, the sun will shine and bring us great weather. So, wear your favorite RED outfit. Looking forward to seeing everyone that day.

Games for February 2026

9:00AM shotgun start; 8:30AM check-in

- Feb. 4th Drop-out Scramble
- Feb. 11th Cupid's Capers Scramble
- Feb. 18th Stableford
- Feb. 25th One-Two-Three

SWINGERS

We at the Swingers would like to thank Michele Wilson for a wonderful job she has done being the President of the Swingers Golf League. She will be missed as a leader but she promised she will still be golfing. I'd also like to thank Barb Hagen for all the hard work she has put in as treasurer. Not going to lie, we have the cutest membership cards around!

With that being said, I'd like to announce this year's 2026/2027 board.

- President: Barb Gabbert
- Vice President: Sue Dickinson
- Treasurer: Nancy Sobina
- Sunshine Club: Jean Kettren
- Secretary of the Chips: Karen Lappalainen

At our members meeting, 1/2 of our group expressed an interest in playing their own game, to keep up with their handicaps. A compromise was settled on every other week would be a play your own ball with the other weeks being scrambles and/or shambles.

February Games:

Feb. 7 th	Play your own game	Front 9
Feb. 14 th	Shamble	Front 9
Feb. 21 st	Play your own game	Back 9
Feb. 28 th	Scramble	Back 9

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

Ladies, if you are looking to play golf with a fun group, come out and join us on Saturday mornings. You do not need a handicap to play in our league.

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

Barb Gabbert League President 815-341-2378



From the Big Cypress Grill - Food & Beverage Director Lisa Hofbauer



BIG CYPRESS GRILL

Hours of Operation - 863-859-6741

Bar Monday - Sunday 11:00AM - 9:00PM

Kitchen Monday - Sunday 11:00AM - 8:00PM



February 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



Fri	Feb 6th	Karaoke	6-9pm
Sat	Feb 7th	Sixx L Sixx	6-9pm
Fri	Feb 13th	Sandspurs	6-9pm
Fri	Feb 20th	Karaoke	6-9pm
Sat	Feb 21st	Summit Kings	6-9pm
Fri	Feb 27th	Karaoke	6-9pm

Music and entertainment schedule is subject to change without notice.

THE BIG GAME MENU

Take out orders due by February 3rd

Available for dine in or takeout

Sunday, February 8th from

11am - 7pm only

WINGS & THINGS

Get half a pound of boneless wings, 12 traditional wings, bacon & cheese fries and beef nachos for only \$40.

TRADITIONAL WINGS

Get 50 traditional wings for only \$60. Includes carrots, celery and your choice of ranch or blue cheese

PIZZA

- Cheese Pizza \$8.49
- Pepperoni \$9.75
- 4 Topping Pizza \$13.75



EGGROLLS

Choice of 3 Philly Cheesesteak Eggrolls with Queso dipping sauce
3 Reuben Eggrolls with 1000 Island dipping sauce \$8.99

DELIVERY

The Grill Delivers

Thursday - Saturday

11:30am - 1:00pm & 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Call 863-859-6741 to place your order



All orders must be prepaid - Staff will not carry any cash

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.

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 Arts & Crafts 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 February 7th. 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



Phil Young

**Campus Pastor
Cypress Lakes Village**

P/ 863.682.0163 C/ 863.640.3000

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For a list of campuses, visit at
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*

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Join us on February 18th

"Ashes-to-Go" 7-11 a.m.
(drive-up ashes)

Solemn Service 4 p.m.
(ashes & communion)


Reformation Lutheran Church

460 Old Polk City Rd, Lakeland
www.facebook.com/lovinglutherans
lovingluthersans@gmail.com or call 863-859-2264

Anniversaries & Birthdays



Gary & Jane Bryant	2/2	Charles & Patricia Ham	2/13	Scott & Nannette Hunter	2/19
Larry & Barbara Fatzinger	2/2	Brian & Leanne Beatty	2/14	Lawrence & Sandra Kauffman	2/19
Jesus & Nelly Rivera	2/2	Jeff & Angela Burt	2/14	Dan & Patty Ellsworth	2/20
Baleriano & Paula Rodriguez	2/2	Chandas & Linda Forren	2/14	Daniel & Catherine Gossett	2/21
Michael & Louise Derrick	2/3	Tony & Evelyn Gutierrez	2/14	Richard & Margo Lillywhite	2/21
Thomas & Vicki Apsey	2/4	Bill & Karen Corridori	2/14	Frank & Andrea Azadian	2/22
James & Joan Swierczynski	2/4	Dick & Pat Papke	2/14	Lawrence & Rosa Ward	2/22
James (Bud) & Jennifer Walter	2/4	Barry & Stacy Calcagni	2/16	Richard & Betty Beaulieu	2/23
Doug & Anne VanHulse	2/6	Terry & Mary Travis	2/16	Julius & Patricia Reynolds	2/25
Richard & Barbara Toth	2/7	Philip & Carol Allen	2/17	Robert & Laurie Porter	2/27
Chuck & Robyn Reynolds	2/8	Doug & Betsy Griggs	2/17	Don and Emily Day Saunders	2/27
Jonathan & Dee Clarkson	2/9	Charles & Lora Lanczkowski	2/17	Pat & Patricia Herblet	2/28
Douglas & Kristin Bendel	2/10	Bernie & Debbie Hanson	2/18	David & Susan Leonard	2/28
Bob & Joan Milley	2/12	William & Marie Mennen	2/18	Larry & Jeannine Sweet	2/28
Bill & Connie Rowland	2/12	Robert & Sharon Colucci	2/19		



Kathy Bull	2/1					James (Bud) Walter	2/12
Ursula Gardner	2/1					Kevin Webb	2/12
Timothy Kane	2/1	Nancy Benedict	2/5	Patricia Kiesel	2/8	Jerry Cozart	2/13
Susan Michaels	2/1	Barbara Grofé	2/5	Tammy Lysaght	2/8	David Ferrier	2/13
William Smith	2/1	Gail Hanus	2/5	Michele Wilson	2/8	Gary Gebo	2/13
Frances Alonzo	2/2	Judith Kelley	2/5	Emily Akins	2/9	David Law	2/13
David Glassburn	2/2	Michael Koles	2/5	Susan Koczarski	2/9	Sue Lee	2/13
Kinsley Haye	2/2	Debbie Martin	2/5	Dennis Kuykendall	2/9	Dennis Newart	2/13
Leslee Hayes	2/2	Bryan Burton	2/6	Harriet Beck	2/10	Lynette Stickel	2/13
Scott Sheldon	2/2	Frank Coston	2/6	Kathlyn Cors	2/10	Jeanine Bradfield	2/14
Malcolm Smith	2/2	Casie Creekmore	2/6	Scott Greco	2/10	George Daniels	2/14
Stanley Benner	2/3	Daniel Lachance	2/6	E. Allen Hall	2/10	Ruth Hilton	2/14
Lauren Benning	2/3	John Lastinger	2/6	Joe Harris	2/10	Larry Hite	2/14
Nancy Csercsics	2/3	Larry Leibensperger	2/6	Debra Haynes	2/10	Vivian Holtzinger	2/14
Albert Dube	2/3	Dawna Montgomery	2/6	Dennis Shamblin	2/10	Greg Meringer	2/14
Susan Kaczka	2/3	Wendy Pounds	2/6	Robert Wappel	2/10	Brenda Roth	2/14
Thomas McCormack	2/3	Michael Temple	2/6	Victoria Watson	2/10	Karen Sheaffer	2/14
Skip Robinson	2/3	Richard Wojciechowski	2/6	Nathan Wiora	2/10	Dennis Bodrie	2/15
Dottie Lou Sims	2/3	Robert Benvissuto	2/7	James Durand	2/11	Victoria Dicks	2/15
Jane Suchenski	2/3	Judy Hurst	2/7	Karen Lachance	2/11	Ron Ferrentino	2/15
Chandas Forren	2/4	Susan Williams	2/7	Roxanne Linton	2/11	Ronald Hayes	2/15
Martin Hillig	2/4	Barbara Ainsworth	2/8	Rochelle Martin	2/11	Chris Kyle	2/15
Mary Lou Kromer	2/4	Sylvio Brideau	2/8	Lisa Matheson	2/11	Susan Mazorlig	2/15
Celia Lubucchiaro	2/4	Janie Comella	2/8	William Mulcahy	2/11	Linda McNeill	2/15
Kathleen Macdonald	2/4	Paul Crits	2/8	Kathleen Naas	2/11	Timothy Schmieman	2/15
Linda Martin	2/4	Pat Fox	2/8	Sandra VanWagner	2/11	George Gardner	2/16
John Platt	2/4	James Fye	2/8	Keith Grace	2/12	Marcia Hoke	2/16
Sandra Roof	2/4	John Hostetler	2/8	Steve Murray	2/12	Mike Lajeunesse	2/16
Joanne Arnold	2/5	Thomas Johnson	2/8	Gary Riley	2/12	Deborah Smith	2/16
						Julia Thomas	2/16

Birthdays

Victoria Anderson	2/17	Fred Redzanic	2/19	Donna Caracappa	2/23	Paul St. Clair	2/25
Edward Bruner	2/17	Roger Roy	2/19	Marti Doyle	2/23	Ray Westgate	2/25
Judy Chambers	2/17	Marion Decker	2/20	Cheryl Goetz	2/23	Nancy Williams	2/25
Marshall Coleman	2/17	Susan Mulcahy	2/20	Jeff Rahilly	2/23	Ron Ashford	2/26
Terry Doughten	2/17	Frank Roberts	2/20	Linda Riley	2/23	Lorrie Baldwin	2/26
Daniel Guyette	2/17	Eleanor Schureman	2/20	David Rouney	2/23	Richard Benedict	2/26
Thomas Kelly	2/17	Kevin Taskila	2/20	Marjorie Shields	2/23	John Falkenhagen	2/26
Bonnie Marette	2/17	Steve Cartine	2/21	Lynne "Charlie" Wood	2/23	John Lopez	2/26
Bob Mosher	2/17	Susan Corn	2/21	Michael Collier	2/24	Rebecca Murray	2/26
Elaine Pickering	2/17	Thomas Enda	2/21	Richard Grindrod	2/24	Dale "Dee" Rosen	2/26
Edward Seitz	2/17	Susan Gilman	2/21	Bev Reitz	2/24	John Sullivan	2/26
Rosemary Davignon	2/18	Denise Mangano	2/21	Sam Alba	2/25	Diana Stricklen	2/27
Betsy Griggs	2/18	Billy Maynard	2/21	Sandra Avila	2/25	Barbara Alba	2/28
Dennis Hankey	2/18	Todd Stofan	2/21	David Brey	2/25	John Bond	2/28
Robin Hewitt	2/18	Lee Furlong	2/22	Pam Gifford	2/25	David Corkill	2/28
Linda Laudieri	2/18	Mark Hanus	2/22	Indy Janowicz	2/25	Robert DiPlotti	2/28
Mike Murray	2/18	Mary Jackson	2/22	Jayne McClure	2/25	Andy Dykstra	2/28
Michael Syphers	2/18	Barbara LaBarr	2/22	Terri Moravec	2/25	Matt Millichap	2/28
Herma Tuttle	2/18	Raymond Olson	2/22	Steve Morrison	2/25	Jeff St Thomas	2/28
Barbara Nielsen	2/19	Stacey Bailey	2/23	Johnnie Parkinson	2/25	Pauline Ranieri	2/29
Eric Platt	2/19	Colleen Bird	2/23				

NEW RESIDENTS

ADDRESS

PHONE

Burtch Jr., George & Judith	9948 Killdeer Lane	413-364-4599/413-530-2614
Kormos, Robert & Yadelkis	2910 Dollar Bonnet Lane	516-835-7887
Matos, Roberto	2882 Peavine Trail	570-807-0694
Price, Ronne & Carol	2878 Peavine Trail	307-421-5478
Ray, Douglas	1978 Big Cypress Blvd	863-640-5747
St Thomas, Jeff	1654 Big Cypress Blvd	904-466-3495
Stevens, Steven & Patricia	2518 Red Bird Lane	314-221-5014



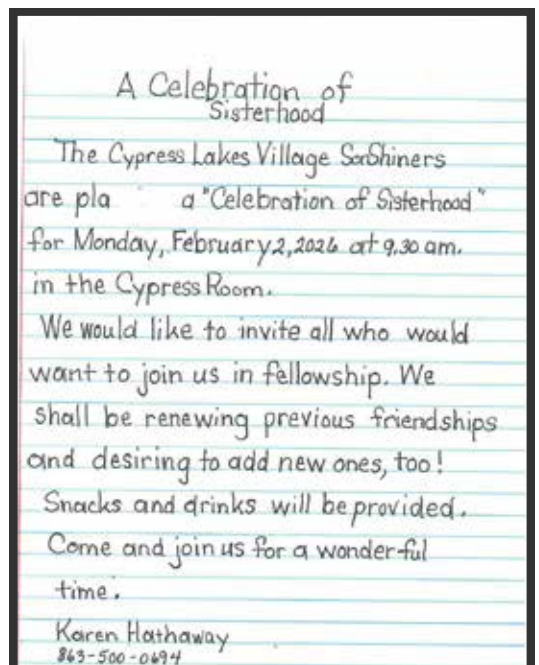
BIRTHDAY CLUB

2026 is here and we are ready to begin our bi-monthly celebration of residents' birthdays. Highlighted are the birthdays in January and February, yet ALL residents are welcome to stop by for a free homemade sweet treat made by the volunteer Ambassadors of the CLV Birthday Club. The 2026 schedule is posted on the bulletin boards by all six mailbox station kiosks around the Village. Some of the featured sweet and bakes are:

Coconut Cream Pie	Chocolate Cherry Sheet Cake with Icing
Monster Cookies	Carrot Cake Cupcakes
Banana Cream Pie	Peanut Butter Pie
Cheesecake Squares	And more!

If you have any questions or would like to join the Club as a Volunteer Ambassador to help, we eagerly invite your participation.

Stacy Scott-Calagni 225-772-2408



HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION NEWS

The annual meeting and elections for open board positions was held January 21. We thank all members who attended and those who provided proxies which helped us achieve our quorum. A special thank you to Gwen Snook, Wayne Letourneau and George Giesman for their dedicated service to the board and the community. We wish retiring board members well and look forward to building our strength with fresh ideas going forward. We appreciate the time and talents all continue to share with us.

All new board members will be attending a mandatory educational seminar via Zoom to begin their training as required by statute. This training is provided by FMO to all HOA's.

Volunteers are the heart of so many things in our community - like the Business Expo coming up. Don Moravec agreed to chair this event for the first time two years ago. Greg Carter continues to assist this year as needed. Ramps are built and retrofitted by volunteers for residents in need through the AMBUCS group. Pancakes are made and served by dedicated volunteers. Linda Laman makes sure the Big Red Bus comes regularly to collect our donations to help others. Kathy Merritt makes sure her crew keeps your Library neat. Patti Wagner, Gail Hanus and Kathy Merritt provide everything for Bingo on Tuesday nights. And the list goes on! Throughout every organization and event that happens you will find residents and homeowners sharing time and talent and commitment. Don't forget to express your appreciation and join the fun! The more involved you are, the happier you will be and the stronger our community will become!

While we're all enjoying the sunshine let's remember that with residents and visitors alike, we all need to be able to share the great facilities and amenities available for us at Cypress Lakes. Care and consideration, courtesy and common sense go a long way! Watch for extra walkers and bikers and more traffic around the clubhouse and remember that only licensed drivers should be driving golf carts. All vehicles (car, cart, bike, motorcycle) should stop at every stop sign. Make sure your pets are on a leash and pick up after them! ALL rules apply to ALL of us! Be a good neighbor and set the good example!

Gwen Snook 517-937-2921

HOA SPECIAL EVENTS IN FEBRUARY!

Thurs, Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26	Peg Leg Ice Cream Truck 11am-2pm throughout Cypress Lakes Community
Sat, Feb. 7	Business Expo 9am-1pm MH
Sun, Feb. 8	Kettle Corn 11am-1pm Garden Walk PL
Mon, Feb. 9	Food Truck Event Spontaneous Consumption 5-7pm Garden Walk PL
Mon, Feb. 9	Board of Directors Meeting 6pm A&C
Wed, Feb. 11	Resident Coffee 8am Main Hall
Sat, Feb. 21	HOA Pancake Breakfast 7-9am MH
Sat, Feb. 21	Activities Fair 11:30-2pm MH

*There is no Night at the Movies in February

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Our first Meet & Greet of 2026 is scheduled for Thursday, February 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the Arts & Craft room. Meet fellow new residents and learn about our beautiful community. R.S.V.P. is needed by Monday February 2nd, to Debbie Haynes at 804-994-1938.

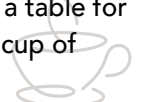
NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Neighbor to Neighbor 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

Pancake Breakfast - 7-9 am, Saturday, Feb 21, Main Hall

Don't miss Saturday, February 21, 7-9:30 am, with our own Homeowners Pancake Breakfast Committee who will be serving up the hotcakes with syrup or blueberries, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit cup and juice, and of course, coffee. Tickets are available in the HOA Office beginning February 3 for \$6 pp, or \$7 pp at the door. It's a great deal and a great opportunity to enjoy a hot breakfast without standing at your own stove! Bring friends and neighbors, or celebrate a birthday, or let us know you're bringing a group and we'll reserve a table for you. Help support your HOA and linger over a cup of coffee with friends!



From the HOA- President Gwen Snook

SHOW TIME ENTERTAINMENT

ShowTime Entertainment – final show of the season, Thursday, March 5

You've enjoyed two of the three shows in the season package. One more on Thursday, March 5 celebrates the music of "1969" – the year of Woodstock! Need extra tickets? Or your plans have changed and you have a couple to sell? Let me know! We keep a waiting list that can guarantee your sale with just a phone call Gwen Snook 517-937-2921. See you at the show!

BUSINESS EXPO

The annual BUSINESS EXPO is Saturday, February 7 from 9 am to 1 pm in the Main Hall. Check out the tables for home insurance, roofers, bath & kitchen remodels, window replacement, heating & air conditioner service and more! There will be raffles, give-aways and signup sheets for free inspections. You can order flags from the Cypress Lakes Veterans. You can join the HOA if you haven't done so. You can learn about our ramp committee now chaired through the AMBUCS organization. Don Moravec chaired this event again this year and you'll see new and veteran vendors! All licensed and insured. There is no hard selling at this event, but you can gather information and request quotes. Check out new cars from Lakeland AutoMall in the Garden Walk lot!

ACTIVITIES FAIR

11:30 am to 2 pm, Main Hall, Saturday, February 21st. Offered by the Homeowners Association, it offers an opportunity for you to learn about individual groups and organizations here in the community. Learn about their programs and activities, whether there are dues, what speakers are scheduled or outside events are planned. There is no charge and there will be a lunch available for sale. Do you know who to contact if you want to play cribbage or mahjong? Do you know when the Garden or Bonsai Clubs meet and how you can join? I'm going to try something new this year. Maybe Farkle or 7's - both sound intriguing! Don't be intimidated by what you don't know how to do. It can be your greatest strength – if you let it! There will be raffles, give-aways and information to pick up. Free admission. Check it out!

CITIZENS ASSISTED PATROL (CAP)

Monthly meeting 10 am, Tuesday, February 10, Oak Room. You've seen us directing traffic or riding community patrols on specially marked golf carts and the Sheriff's car. To cover the 50+ miles of paved roads in Cypress Lakes it takes better than two hours on patrol. You could assist with that! Our volunteers for this Polk County program are trained by the Sheriff's Department and provide additional eyes and ears in our community. We are currently one of more than 70 other teams in Polk County who patrol their neighborhoods and streets in specially marked golf carts and cars. Interested in participating? Applications are available in the Oak Room. Background checks are performed by the Sheriff's Department and your training can be flexible to fit your schedule. Join this active team!

Gwen Snook & John Miller, Coordinators

CERT

Welcome to February! This is the month of Love. Let us ask the question: Do you Love Cypress Lakes Village? If you do, please consider giving back by joining CERT. It is a great way to give back to our community. We were talking to a resident recently and they said they thought that there were some special skills needed to contribute. That was actually holding them back! Please don't let this be you. No experience is needed...just a willing heart to learn and serve. Though we can be called anywhere in the county (we have yet to be), our primary mission is to serve our community by being there to assist during natural or physical disasters, or watching for slips trips and falls and dehydration at community events. Think of how your heart will feel in this month of love as you make the decision to give back! We just met at the end of January, and will be meeting again on the last Wednesday of March. Look for us in our green vests at community events.

Tobey Kress - Team Lead Rob Kowalski - Team Lead

207.341.0656

716.867.149

FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMEOWNERS

We will be hosting the monthly Coordinator's meeting on February 23 in the Main Hall. Gwen Snook, Coordinator, 517 Lawmakers want to know how many are members of FMO when we ask their support. Are you part of that powerful voting block? You should be! This is the RIGHT time to join. Applications and information is available in the HOA Office. Your \$40 annual dues are an important investment to make in order to protect your legal rights in leased lot communities.

*Gwen Snook 517-937-2921 Richard Szarowicz 716-984-4236
Caprice Temple 719-661-8702 FMO Reps*

AMBUCS

Our tremendous RAMP CREW continues to “kick butt and take names.” They are averaging over 1 installed or repurposed ramp per week for our Cypress Lakes residents that are in need of a little “hand up”. When you see a RAMP CREW member be sure to thank them for their exemplary work and dedication to providing Ramps for Residents. The Cypress Lakes AMBUCS will be joining forces with the Cypress Lakes Veterans Association and the Cypress Lakes RC Club to host A Patriotic Night of Music in March. Entertainment will be provided by John Picciano, Mo Duemler, Steve & Kathy Williamson, and DJ Dennis Pell who will provide an evening of Patriotic Favorites, Sinatra Classics, Country, Folk, and Contemporary Hit music for the enjoyment of Cypress Lakes Residents and their guests. Tickets are \$10 per person. Stay tuned for more info!!!

The Cypress Lakes AMBUCS will be hosting our 2nd Annual Golf Skills Challenge in March. This is our signature fund raising event, all proceeds will go to the Ramp Fund to provide Ramps for Residents. With the reception we received last year we are looking forward to another tremendous event for the Cypress Lakes Community. The Golf Skills Challenge is an opportunity for golfers to display their golf prowess by executing a bevy of Skill Shots on the back nine of the North Course. There are 12 Challenge Shots with points awarded for close proximity to the hole, along with Long & Straight Drives with corresponding points. There will be a Men's and Women's division winner, they will have their names placed on the Golf Skills Challenge Trophy located in the Big Cypress Clubhouse, along with some nice prizes for their efforts. Door prizes, goodie bags and lunch will be included for the \$25 entry fee. This year we will have volunteer Golf Skill Guides with each group to ensure players know where they are going and keep up the pace of play. We are planning on 96 players and a multitude of great Sponsors to help us grow the Ramp Fund in order to provide Ramps for Residents. Stay tuned for more info!!!

It's A Great Day to Be An AMBUC!

Mick Rabley - President, Cypress Lakes AMBUCS

616-540-0624 mkrab@netzero.net

"BETWEEN THE LANES"

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

bbinns@covecommunities.com

The spring season offers opportunities for recreation and engaging in great adventures in the beautiful sunshine! This month, we want to talk about safety and courteous driving between our lanes. It is important to note that many are new residents of Florida. Let's take proper precautions and talk about how to have a safe and healthy season using good old common sense.

What is the weather like today?

Check the weather forecast before you make plans for the day. Dress in layers so you stay comfortable during the day. Remember your sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat! Check if your medications are “sun sensitive”. Sports fans, schedule your activities to avoid the hottest parts of the day, apply sunscreen, stay hydrated, and keep an eye out for signs of heat stroke in yourself, your teammates, and visitors.

High Temperatures are Dangerous for Pets! Heat safety tip for pets: Don't walk them during peak sun hours (10 am to 4 pm) to avoid overheating; early morning or late evening is cooler and safer. Use the "touch test": Place your hand or foot on the pavement for 7 seconds...too hot for you then too hot for your pet. Keep your pet hydrated: bring water on walks and offer it regularly and use cooling accessories: vests, mats or bandanas can help with the heat. Never leave your pet alone in a car or golf cart—even with open windows, temperatures can quickly become hazardous.

"How Hot Is Too Hot for a Walk?"

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Take Those Photos!

A member of the family may experience memory impairment or dementia. An effective precaution where individuals may “wander off” is to take a photograph each day. This provides an accurate reference for identification if needed. Arrange for a “neighborhood buddy” to visit and spend time with them at scheduled times to encourage social interaction. Look to our wonderful Neighbor-to-Nighbor group for suggestions. Is your person missing? First, immediately notify the Polk County Sheriff 911 and then alert the Courtesy Patrol Manager, Bonnie Binns, 863-209-2887 to assist.

Be Kind Between Our Lanes

As we head into summer, it is easy to become distracted while driving. Let's set a good example for the general public and adhere to 15 mile per hour speed limit and stop signs. Do not pass on the double yellow lines and bridges. Let's all have a safe and healthy season!

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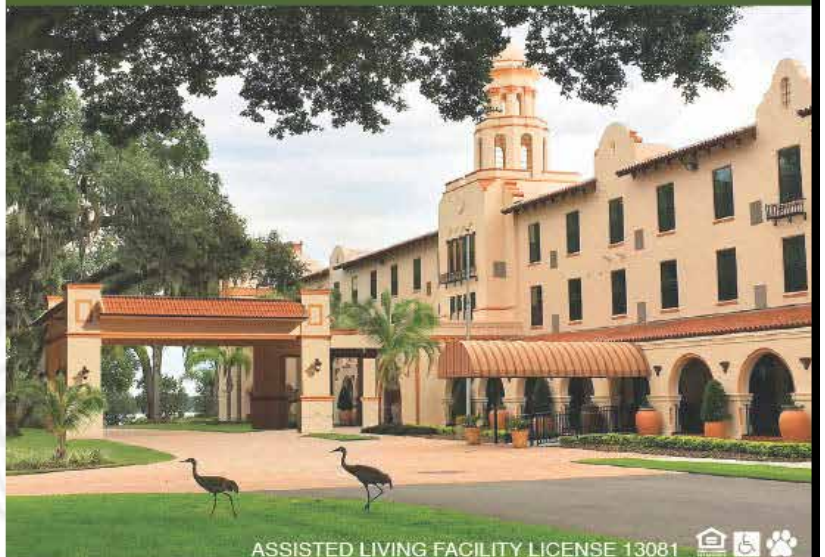


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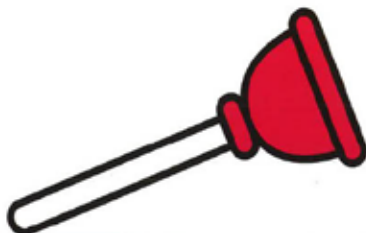
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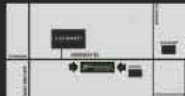
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