

The Seagull

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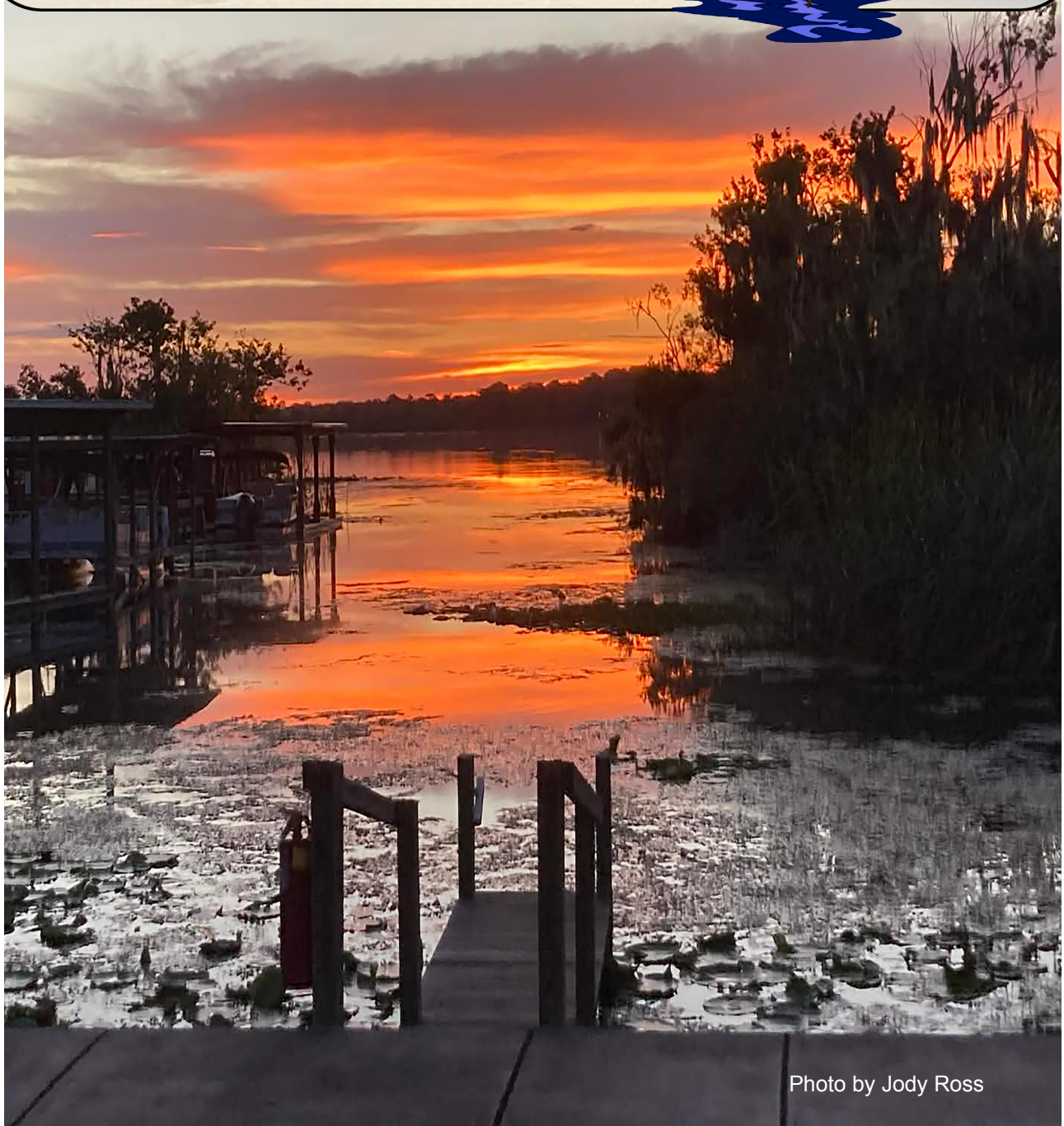


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Community Calendar

Easter Ice Cream Social

April 6 1 PM – 3 PM

Clubhouse North parking lot

Social Club Meeting

April 7 4 PM @

Marina

Ladies Luncheon

April 9 1 PM

Book Club

April 10 2 PM

@ Fruitland Park Library

Fruitland Park Yard Sale

April 11 8 AM – 3:30 PM

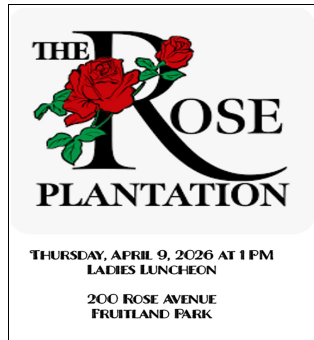
Gardenia Center, Fruitland Park

(volunteers needed; contact SC officer)

Second Sunday

April 12 North Lake Presbyterian Church

meet 9:00 AM, Mailboxes @ Lakeview Bend



parking lot. There will be a few tables set up, so bring your own chair and join the fun. Each resident will receive **ONE** free treat from the Cool Time Ice Cream Truck.

Social Club will be participating in the quarterly **Fruitland Park Community Yard Sale on April 11 at the Gardenia Center**. If you would like to donate items for the sale, contact any officer. We will be collecting items starting April 1. Volunteers are needed for set up on April 10, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm and for selling on April 11 8:00am – 11:30 am and 11:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Activities in the community are gearing up in the warm weather. Water Aerobics, Line Dancing, and Shuffleboard are in full swing. Card games are also happening in homes around the park. Look for more information in the Seagull.

This month we will be wishing safe travels to many of our residents as they journey to their other homes. Please be sure your local homes are packed up for any storms that may affect our area this year. Flying objects can be dangerous to others who stay in the park all year long.

The last Social Club Meeting of the season will be on April 7 at 4:00 pm in the Marina parking lot, weather permitting. We will be announcing plans for summer events at this meeting. Membership dues are only \$12 per person. This money helps to cover a wide variety of activities and events.

Happy Easter and Happy Passover

Social Club News

Here Comes the Sun

Linda Greer, Social Club President

Finally, the freezing temperatures have left our area, but our poor plants, trees, and lawns may never recover. All on-line sites say to wait 4-6 weeks after a freeze to cut them back. Fingers crossed your shrubs can come back to life.

Congratulations and a BIG thank you to Doris Buyarski, new Vice President, and to Lorri Rowe, continuing as Treasurer. The officers are excited to start working together on events in the coming season. The clubhouse renovation is coming along, and excitement is building for the big re-opening.

For Easter this year, the SC Club will be hosting a **Ice Cream Social on April 6, 1:00pm – 3:00pm in the Clubhouse North**

Greetings From the HOA, FMO, and PAC Committee

Randy Ellis, HOA President

As I write this article, the warmer weather is upon us, and the grass is greener on our side.

Clubhouse Renovation Project:

As most can see, this project is in full swing. The back wall is complete. Windows, doors, painting, and some electrical work are getting done or will be getting done to complete the outside of the building. The inside has been underway for quite some time as well. Right now, the inside looks like a

hard hat area, but it's going to be beautiful when completed. No exact time table has been set for the Clubhouse reopening, but we are hoping for June. The board will continue to meet with management and will keep everyone informed and up to date via Facebook and HOA E-Mail. If you are not receiving emails (**especially new residents**) please email me at randyellis01@gmail.com. Please put in subject (HOA Email) so I know it's not junk. You can also text me with your information to 508-697-8745. In both cases, please give me your name, address, email address, and phone number.

FMO/PAC Committee:

Last year, the PAC Committee was able to introduce HB 701 which did not get past the Senate. Great News – House Bill #267 and Senate Bill #594 have passed. This is the rental assistance bill that will allow homeowners on rental/leased properties—such as our park—who are in need of assistance to apply for Shipp Funds. The Senate vote was 39-0 passed. The House vote was 110 passed. There is one more step to come, and that will be to get Governor DeSantis to sign the bill into law. We may be asking for resident support to the governor by emailing him. I will keep you posted on what we may have to do.

The PAC Committee and the FMO are currently working on a reduction in limiting tax increases to our parks. Currently the county can increase our pass thru tax up to a ten percent increase; we are working a three percent limitation. We are also working on getting Florida residents that live in mobile home parks to be part of the Florida Homestead Act that would be able to cut out a substantial portion of our Pass Thru.

These efforts can only take place with efforts of increasing **FMO Membership**. Again, please consider joining **FMO**, whose purpose is to **Protect us as Florida Mobile Homeowners**. Dues are only \$40 per year or \$120 for three years. If you need assistance in joining, please feel free to contact me.

The HOA communicates using Facebook, Email, and the Seagull. If you would like to receive a hard copy of our communications, please get a message to me, and I will do my best to provide you with such. If you are not receiving Emails from the HOA, please contact us so that you can be added to our emailing list. Any personal information that the HOA receives from a resident is not shared with any outside groups. With your consent, it can be shared with the Social Club and our in-park directory.

Resident Information forms are in the Clubhouse for anyone to update their personal information with the HOA. We also have a new Comment/Wish List slip at the Clubhouse and a locked box in which anyone can submit these forms or slips. If anyone has any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

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 Member – FMO PAC Committee
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Activities Update

Weekly:

- **Water Aerobics** M/W/F 10 AM
(when outside temperature is 70 or above)
- **Line Dancing** Tuesdays 1 PM (outside)
(Jan Lynch's @ 6 Clubhouse)
- **Euchre** Wednesdays 9:30 AM
(Jean Cherovsky's @ 48 Eden)
- **Mah Jongg** Thursdays 1 PM
(Will and Donna Johnson's @ 63 Eden)
- **“Mexican Train” Dominoes**
Saturdays 1 PM
(Will and donna Johnson's @ 63 Eden)

Monthly:

- **Social Club Meeting**
1st Tuesday 4 PM
(@ Marina -bring a seat)
- **Book Club** 2nd Friday 2 PM
(@ Fruitland Park Library)
- **Ladies of Faith** 2nd Sunday
(April 12 9 AM)



District 3 Grand Island, Florida, January 15, 2026.
 From left to right: Lou Dunning, FMO State Vice President; Marynell Lubinski, Grand Island Park Rep; Randy Ellis, President; Joann Joslyn, Vice President; Gwen Comstra, Secretary; Phillip James, Treasurer.

Out and About

OBO in Weirsdale

The Orange Blossom Opry in Weirsdale has lots of entertainment. Bob and I recently went to their Thursday Center Stage Show where they have local musicians performing along with their band. They chose for their last song "God Bless the USA" by Lee Greenwood. They asked all veterans present to stand, and Bob Larmay was picked for the honor of coming on stage to hold the American flag during the song, while all in the audience stood.



Bob was in the US Air Force from 1966-1970, where he gained the rank of Staff Sergeant and worked as a jet engine mechanic. We were married in 1967 and moved to base housing in Gwinn MI; our son Scott was born there. We were stationed at Keesler AFB, but were before and still are Wisconsin residents. A salute to the United States of America, our freedoms, and Robert Larmay.

Anybody Know Barb's Barn?

What a quaint place! The look of old Florida located at Oxford. The place is a big shed or barn offering live entertainment with dancing and food on Wednesdays. It is known for "fun on the farm" atmosphere.

I attended a Wednesday event with their country band playing great music. Bobby Randall from the Orange Blossom Opry played his pedal steel guitar to fill in for someone that day. They even had one of their horses standing at the patio door looking in and listening. It is really country and an old Florida style.

Every Sunday, they hold Cowboy Church Services with southern gospel music and Pastor Dave of the Cowboy Church of Oxford FL. They have eight guitars and one drum set with their songs. Their horse Pistol stands at the window for a while and listens. Starting with the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the service is over an hour long. What a nice way to worship!

contributions by Mavis Larmay

Lake County Ladies Chorus

The chorus will perform free concerts on April 17 at the Leesburg Library at 1pm and on April 18th at the Mt Dora Library at 1pm. Patriotic and pop music will be performed. Darlene Stodola is featured directing the chorus and performing with five other ladies in a double trio singing "Somewhere over the Rainbow."

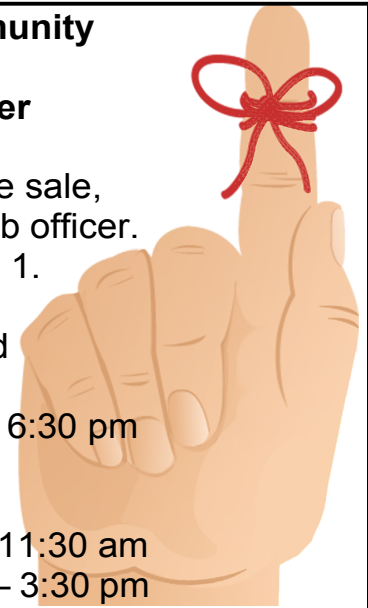
contribution by Darlene Stodola

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In Memoriam

Kathryn Sue Barcus Kowalski
March 23, 1957 – March 16, 2026

Aged 68 years

*beloved daughter of Nancy Barcus
dear sister of Ann Route
cherished wife of Jerry Kowalski*

Back Again with More Info

Mavis Larmay

I recently returned from the February FMO meeting. A sponsored bill is up for passage to help with rent or repair payments for qualified homeowners. Other benefits to us have been the Tie-Down Program, which is still going on.

The FMO is the organization that works for advocating for manufactured and mobile homeowners on rented lots throughout Florida. It works to create fairer laws for homeowners. Nancy Stewart is the lawyer and representative at the state capital. By joining, you support an organization that influences Florida's legislators and laws. The meetings here in Florida are five times a year--October, November, January, February, and March.

If you have questions about joining, contact Randy Ellis at 508-697-8745. Randy is the District 3 President and our park representative, and he does an awesome job at both. It costs us less than ten cents per day to join. So, residents, I challenge you all to join. You will be glad you did. Thank you for reading my two articles on this important topic.

Declaration of Independence

250th Anniversary

Part II –

The War of Independence Begins

Rich Mc Fadden

• In 1775, the Continental Congress approved the invasion of Canada with the intent to capture the city of Quebec. Major General Philip Schuyler led the invasion with Brigadier General Richard Montgomery and Major General Benedict Arnold commanding 3000 troops. In a blinding snowstorm, the assault on Quebec failed with the death of General Montgomery and the wounding of General Arnold. The rebels suffered heavy losses, with several hundred captured, missing, or deserted.

- The Second Continental Congress convened in June, 1776, to consider a “declaration of independence” from the mother country. Warfare had erupted a year earlier in Massachusetts, and the congress had authorized fielding a continental army under George Washington's command.
- The declaration continued in debate for several weeks until a five man committee was appointed to draft a “Declaration of Independence.” The committee included Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin. After much more debate and consternation, the Declaration of Independence was approved by the congress on July 4, 1776. However, delegates from the thirteen colonies did not sign the document until a month later.



April Birthdays

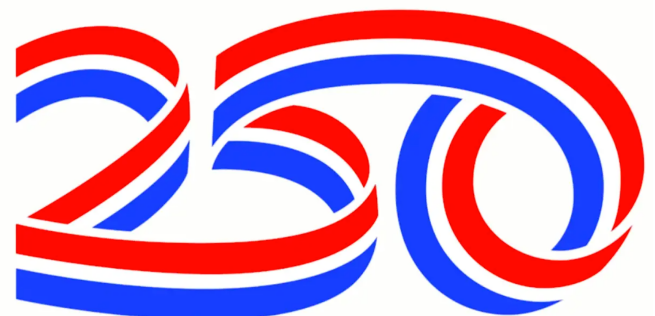
Jean Cherovsky, Hans Coffey, Tony Dee, Darrell Diluzio, Trish Kedrowski, Morris Mohler, April O'Malley, Rosie Ratcliff, Todd Shields, Marty Stewart, Barb Stodola, Darlene & George Stodola, Paul Thurman, Linda Wolosyn.



April Anniversaries

Nancy & Steve Hoover, Donna & Steve Lanham, Doug & Sue Rice.

AMERICA



Birthdays—the special 90th and . . . the one with the yummy cupcakes!



right- Golf cart paraders Marge Bresinski and Jim Holthus, Roni and Bill Kellerman, Linda and Scott Greer, Terri and Randy Ellis.



below, r- Bob is joined by his family. front- Donna Covell, Donna's daughter Heidi. back- Bob Covell, son Robert Covell, Robert's wife, Lisa Covell.



below- Bob and Donna



Friends and neighbors stopped by to celebrate John Aitken at the end of February. (The cupcakes were a hit!) I-r- John Aitken, Kelly Veilleux, Shirl Schmelzer, and on couch- Mary Burel, Kelly and Annie, and Mike Schmelzer.



Ladies Luncheon

The March luncheon was held at McCrackens Irish Pub in Leesburg, and many residents wore green in honor of the upcoming St. Patrick's Day.

l- Karla Ash celebrates Women's History Month.



front-back, l- Sue Furry, Dianne Henry, Maryanna Foster, Kim Thurman, Sue McFadden, Trish Kedrowski.

r- Carol Bechler, Marge Bresinski, Terri Ellis, Nancy Hoover, Karla Ash, Nancy Byrd, Sue Rice, Debbie Boyd, Nancy Volmer.

front-back, l- Nancy Volmer, Debbie Boyd, Sue Rice, Nancy Byrd, Karla Ash, Nancy Hoover, Terri Ellis, Marge Bresinski, Carol Bechler.

r- Jean Cherovsky, Carol Hetherington, Trish Kedrowski, Sherry Shaw, Sue Mc Fadden, Kim Thurman, Sue Furry.

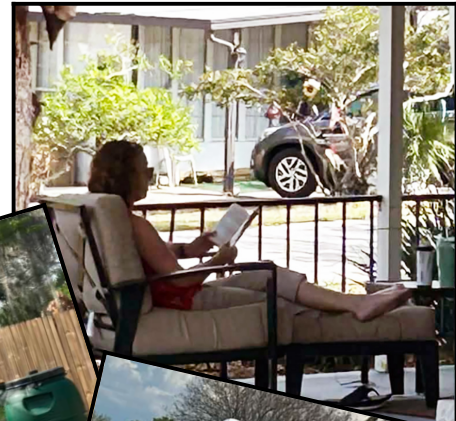
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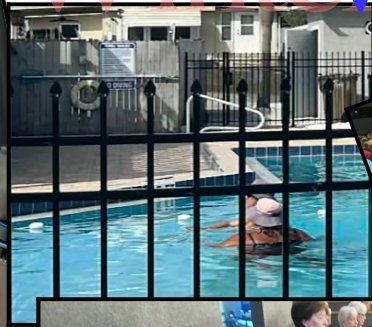
l- A day trip to Cedar Key ended in a first place finish for Moe Lavoie (left) and Lynn Bernier with a five pound sheepshead on the line. The pair brought home a rod and reel combo worth \$150 and a \$100 gift card.

What We Do in the Winter

assemble, dance, decorate, fish, garden, host, landscape, play, read, relax, retire, socialize, swim, tan, vacay, visit, volunteer, worship—wait for the clubhouse to reopen.



Winter Winter Winter Winter



Donating and Volunteering for SALT Lake County



below- Tag Sale volunteers show off their success with a \$1200 donation to Lake County SALT. Liz Dziedzic, Dianne Henry, John Aitken, Kelly Veilleux, Mary Jane Beckhans, Rusty Snyder.

below- Rusty Snyder, Mary Jane Beckhans, and Dianne Henry work the Bake Sale.



pictured l- Skeeter Martin, Don Shaw, and Terri Ellis search for the elusive whatchamacallit they didn't know they needed.

far left- John Aitken helps a shopper with a recliner.



Tag Sale at Terrace and Island View
 Spearheaded by John Aitken, all proceeds on Saturday, April 14, went to the benefit of the SALT Shower Trailer Ministry. A wide array of donated tools, household goods, furniture, fchotchkes, plants, and more—many donated by Lakeside Terrace residents—sold for \$890.00. The VERY popular LST Bake Sale, with items baked and prepared solely by residents, brought in \$309.90. With the total exceeding John's goal of \$1000.00, Lake County's SALT Shower Trailer Ministry received \$1200.90.

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Florida Governmental Utility Authority
Water / Sewer.....M – F...8 AM – 5 PM
www.fgua.com.....352 - 633 - 9700

Leesburg Electric Dept.
Customer Service.....352 - 728 – 9800
7 AM – 3:30 PM
Emergency/Outage.....(833) 223-1313

Closest Hurricane Shelters

Primary:

Leesburg HS 1401 Yellow Jacket Way
Special Needs AND Pet Friendly:
Leesburg Elementary Sch. 2229 South St.

Non - Emergency Law Enforcement

Lake County Sheriff 352 - 343 – 2101
Senior Watch: Daily Check-ins
Sheriff 352 - 343 – 2101
Sheriff's Info Desk 352 - 343 - 9500

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Community Assistance Fund

Residents may request funds by completing an application and submitting to a Social Club officer
CAF applications are available on the clubhouse bulletin board board.

Assistance Agencies

For help with food, rent, utilities, etc., start your research at www.findhelp.org Resources below:

Food Assistance Programs:

Leesburg Food Bank
503 N 13th St, Leesburg, FL 34748
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Beyond the Walls Food Pantry
609 W Berckman St, Fruitland Park, FL 34731
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Life Church Assembly of God Food Pantry
4001 Picciola Rd, Fruitland Park, FL 34731
Monday, Thursday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Benevolence Center/Christian Care Center
118 North 14th Street, Leesburg, FL 34748
Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Joining Hands Food Ministry
130 S Lone Oak Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748
Hours: Friday 8:30 am – 10:30 am

Rent/Utility Assistance Programs:

Salvation Army of Lake and Sumter Counties
2605 South Street
Leesburg, FL 34748
Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Lake Community Action Agency
1010 North Boulevard East
Leesburg, FL 34748
Monday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

***Additional help with rent can be found through
the LST Office.***

*See Park Manager Malinda Brown for more
information.*