

The Sea Gull



Lakeside Terrace, 24 Sunrise Lane, Fruitland Park, FL 34731 December, 2020

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Monday

WII Bowling 10 AM-12PM

Bingo 1 PM-4 PM

Water aerobics— on hold

Tuesday

Chair Yoga 9:00 AM

Produce Man 11 AM

Bid Euchre 2 PM–4PM

Wednesday

Euchre 10 AM -12 PM

Not your Grandma's Bingo 1:30 PM

Water aerobics— on hold

Friday

Chair Yoga 9 AM

Grandma's bingo 11 AM

Book Club 1PM - 2PM

(monthly, second Friday)

Billiards 1PM-4PM

Thursday

Sewbirds 9AM-12 PM

Shuffleboard 1 PM

Saturday

Bean Bag Toss 1PM

Sunday

Euchre 10 AM– 12PM

Billiards 1PM-4PM

Merry
COVID
Christmas
2020



Managers Corner

Linda Nier, Community Manager

Happy Holiday's

Christmas at my house was always a happy time. My Mom and Dad loved Christmas so much that each year they refinanced their small wood framed home to give their family and children the best Christmas they could. Of course I never knew that until I was much older. My dad played guitar, we sang Christmas carols, we got in the car and drove around looking at Christmas lights and we drank sweet tea as a child and spirits when we got older. My oldest son has always worshiped this season and it is his favorite time of year, for me as well.

I have always said that, according to my son, his cup is always half full, and I have always said my cup is always half empty. I have always liked surprises. This year my son's cup is half empty, he is not himself and seems a little depressed in my opinion.

I think that more than ever we need to make the best of the rest of the year. This year has been more than just difficult it has been life changing for us all. So, all I am saying is if you have the spirit of Christmas in your heart, let's let it shine. Decorate, sing, rejoice, put up those lights, make those cookies, and this year instead of visiting a friend we will have to call them, face time them, what's app them but one way or another life finds a way.

Enough with that!

Let's talk about the "Help Fund". Something was placed on a social media network regarding the HELP FUND being processed a different way. Something about captains in each corner of the community etc. Well, we are not doing



that. The "Help Fund" will continue to work the way it was created. The Social Club and this office wanted to find a way to reach out and help residents who had received a 360-inspection deficiency, and either could not perform the work necessary for several reasons or could not afford the upgrades being requested or just simply could not pull those weeds in the garden. We asked that residents reach out to either the office or the Social Club and explain their situation and it would be taken into consideration and determined if the Social Club were going to be able to help. I have not found any time that we were not able to help in some way.

Darrell Diluzio, 1st Vice President of the HOA has been a major contributor to the success of this program. However even though he is on the board of the HOA this is still a Social Club Project. Darrell is amazing and is our go to guy and hopefully we will have many more volunteers this winter. The 360 Inspections will start soon to give you ample time to do your repairs and comply with the inspection notifications.

Any donations should be given to the Social Club. Remember if you have reached out to an individual to help you with a repair and give them money for their services that is private and separate from the "Help Fund."



🔔 When a resident gets a call and or notice that there is an issue at the home which needs to be addressed please respond to the office first. That is where the notice originated from.

🔔 We are asking that your requests for help go through the Office, or the Social Club preferably Martha or Ron Grove or the Social Club President, Carole Roberts.



Homes For Sale

Please remember when selling a home privately that you follow some suggestions from the office to make the buyer and seller have an easier experience.

- * Remember to tell them about the Pass Thru Taxes and Fire Tax
- * Keep the office informed of the date of sale
As sellers find out from the office if there are any items required or requested to be done to the home prior to the sale. The last thing you want is for the office to tell a buyer they must paint or clean up the outer grounds etc. Prior to the sale.
- * Remember – NO for sale signs outside the house. A 9x14 sign can be in the window.
- * Remind your buyer that an appointment is to be made with the Mgr. To go over the lease agreement and rules and regulations prior to moving in.

360 Inspection – Heads Up

- * Clean around the outside of the home
- * Clean the driveway out.
- * take all the items you brought outside during COVID and bring them inside.
- * Replace torn screens on patios
- * Trim overgrown hedges, bushes etc.
- * Homes needing painting
- * Driveways needing painted
- * Plastic lawn ornaments (excessive amounts) are not acceptable, and yes, it is in the rule handbook.
- * Plastic flowers in pots, hanging from items again (Excessive amounts) are not acceptable.



During the inspection if you need guidance as to what is considered too much than call me. When I do the inspections those who have

exceeded what is an acceptable amount of outside cheer will be asked to remove it.

- * REMEMBER – We welcome for you to decorate for the holidays just remember by 01/01/2021 you must remove all that has been added.



Rules

- * In order to do any work outside which changes the exterior of the home, plans must be brought to the attention of the office and approved through the office.
- * We now have new residents on Lake Griffin who are deaf. I am asking for residents to slow down!
- * Pick up after your animal and do not let their leash get more than 6 feet from you please.
- * ALL pets will be always on a leash when outside of your home.
- * If you see something than say something.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and remember the clubhouse will be closed on Christmas Day.

If you have not had the opportunity to meet Tommy our new maintenance person that please say hello but don't keep him talking he always has something to do.

Linda Nier - Manager



Happy Anniversary wishes to Rich & Peg Aniol; Terri & Randy Ellis; Jerry & Kathy Kowalski, Kenny & Rosie Ratcliff; Don & Sherry Shaw; William & Shirley Smith, Raymond & Carla Wilemon. May your days forever be filled with joy and love.

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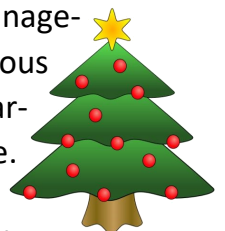
Robin Sexton, President Lakeside

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Like many of us I am from way the heck up North. I have to say I do enjoy these cool clear mornings, gorgeous sunrises and really great sleeping weather. Open windows, no air conditioned air and the chance to wear my flannel shirts again. Oh, long pants too, apparently they really shrank over the last 9 months of summer, weird ?? Christmas is coming and it is going to be kind of weird this year. No elves in the park, no Christmas celebrations in the Club House. Everything is at two arms length and wearing masks. I definitely think this is one Christmas we will remember and wish we could forget. Thankfully, we are all pretty much healthy, have good neighbors and know this will come to an end. We are holding out great hope for these vaccines to push us back to normalcy or what our new normalcy will be. I know that the changing of the calendar at this end of this year will not miraculously change our lives but I really am holding out hope for a better year, just not trying to get my hopes set too high. Couple of things I would like to address this month. First, is some questions some people have about this HOA thing I keep prattling on about. It is very important for everyone to know this is not the HOA of your nightmares. Actually, HOA is probably a lousy moniker for it but that is what it is defined by statute. We are a strange animal, kind of goes with several other aspects of Florida life. Our park is owned by ELS and they are in



control. Under Florida Statute we, as residents of the park are allowed to form a HOA under the Corporate statutes to represent the residents with Management. It gives us some legal standing and the right to contest certain aspects. Particularly the rent increases that we get every year, more about that next month. To be a member of the HOA you just need to have your name on a title in the park. We have little to no input on your activities in the park, we can't tell you about your flower beds, color of your home, where you park, none of that crap. As a resident of this park you fall under basically three controlling documents. First are the State statutes dealing with owner-owned parks. Florida Section 723 for those that may care. Second is the prospectus that you signed when you moved in. Keep that handy it is very important. Third are the Rules, these Rules are set up by ELS, filed with the State of Florida and can be changed but only with some difficulty. The ByLaws which I have written about before pretty much just impact the HOA Board and how we can conduct business and keep us legal. So we are not an evil board of tyrants (well, one of us is questionable). We may be able to help if you are having a problem with management. Second item, is a new committee that we are forming. We are a community for over 55 and most of us are not in the top 1 percent of incomes in the US. Under the Rules and Prospectus, management has the power to enforce various restrictions and requirements, In particular, maintenance of your home. These homes are old and Florida weather is merciless. I have to say that





to date Management has been pretty understanding and tolerant of issues. Linda Nier does periodic inspections of homes and notifies owners of issues. Sometimes these maintenance items are just too much for some owners either due to physical ability or finances. To aid our Neighbors the Board has taken on the responsibility of trying to assist. Before this was being done by the Social Club but truthfully we felt as a Board this was more in our purview. Darrell Diluzio our 1st VP has agreed to take on the assignment of forming

agree on everything but we don't let that affect us. In a very short time we have shared a lot of personal information. It seems like he knows as much about me and my family as anyone ever has. Looking forward to when this Covid thing is over as frankly I don't even know if he has a mustache as he is always wearing his mask. Something we have joked about often. We talked for awhile and he stated that he had to get going but we were both positive we would be seeing each other tomorrow. I promised to have some coffee for him and we could share a cup. He walked back and drove off in his UPS truck. Merry Christmas.



this committee. He is currently looking for residents that are willing to physically help in repairs and maintenance, donations for supplies and residents willing to step up and help with forming and directing the committee as a Committee Board. Just so you are aware ELS and Linda Nier, personally, have been contributing in prior years for this endeavor, we just believe that it is now time for your Board to step up and make this a formal and structured endeavor. I am sure Darrell will be reaching out and providing more information. Please reach out to him and see how you can help. This article has already filled up way more of my morning than I planned on, so I will wrap it up now. I think two cups of coffee is sufficient time for this missive. I would like to finish with a quick story that kind of sums up Christmas, at least to me. The other morning I was outside and a new friend of mine drove up. Gary came up and greeted me. We pretty much see each other every day. We talk about our day, our families, even our current health issues. We have even strayed into the minefield of politics on occasion. We don't

Annual HOA Meeting

Regarding the annual meeting. Basically due to the Covid issue we took the recommendation from the FMO and enacted an emergency clause that we put in the revised By-Laws. This clause is basically a "Stand in Place" clause. The Board continues as is, no changes. We will publish relevant year-end documents next month. I polled all current members and they were all willing to continue. IF and when the restriction are lifted we can then make changes but truthfully I don't see that being viable until the end of 2021. When summer hits it is impossible to obtain a quorum, even at the new percentage to conduct business. Our only other option is mail in ballots based on our current by-laws. If we receive enough comment we can do that.

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Deb Brown, Secretary



A Look in the Rear- View Mirror and a Look Ahead

The year 2020 began like any normal year. We enjoyed usual activities, celebrated birthdays, welcomed new friends and said goodbye to friends who moved away. Residents put their cowboy boots on for a country night in January, dressed up for a Valentine's Day dance and we held a successful Tag Sale Fundraiser in February.

Then in March the pandemic hit and the world changed. We struggled with fear, imposed safety measures and tried to find a new normal. Activities were curtailed; the clubhouse and pool were closed.

Summer brought sunshine and some restrictions lifted with the pool reopening and some activities resuming in the clubhouse. But not being able to use the clubhouse for our large gatherings challenged the Social Club to find innovative solutions for entertainment and gatherings. And we were determined to meet that challenge with events that residents could enjoy as safely as possible.

We're holding Social Club Meetings outside. We celebrated Memorial Day weekend with a casual cookout. Veterans were still recognized with flags and gift cards. Halloween was a cackling good time with food, costumes and a golf cart parade. Prizes were given for best cos-

tumes and decorated golf carts. In lieu of a Thanksgiving dinner Social Club had a raffle for 9 Friendsgiving prizes (\$50 Publix turkey dinner or gift card). Christmas festivities began December 5 with cupcakes and beverages. Golf cart and boat parades highlighted the chilly evening and prizes were given for best in each. The generosity of our residents was evident in the overwhelming response to the toy and canned food drives. There will be a raffle for a Santa Sweepstakes on December 21 with fun prizes and a 50/50 drawing. We probably have something else up our collective sleeve.

So, the look back may have been bumpy; the look ahead may not seem clear. But the fellowship and camaraderie of our community will keep us strong.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Please join us at our next social club meeting on Tuesday, January 5th, 4 PM, outside at 38 Lakeview Dr. All are welcome.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES

to: Millie Banfill, Judy Bryant, Diana Grant, Donna Marcelino, Dan (Bucky) Neely, Bobby Pettitt, Darlene Powell, Julie Oliver, Marilyn Quinn, Bill Smith, , Gloria Stephenson, Jeanette Valentino, Peggy Wathen, Carla Wilemon. You were born at a wonderful time of year. As we celebrate the season, you will be celebrated too, because your birthday is what makes December so festive!

Let It Snow?

Diana Grant

My friends on Facebook post pictures
of the snow.

It's lovely and glistening and
the world looks all new.

Happy memories of snowmen and
sledding come flooding
back to me.

Yet, on holiday cards what you
never get to see
a day or two after
when it isn't like it used to be.

Huffing and puffing you dig your car free.

After taking a break and resting a bit,
You find the doors are frozen shut and
you still can't get in it.

The plows have made high filthy banks.
Impossible to jump.

You always end up with your feet deep in slush.

I didn't move to Florida because
of the weather.

Though, now I know that decision
could not have been better.

So while up North they shovel,
I know this is true.

Floridians never come home with
their toes turning blue.

Please join! You can join on line – FMO.ORG – or
stop by and fill out an application that I will send
in for you. Don't hesitate to ask any questions.

Ron Grove 38 Lakeview Dr. 352 801-7919

A Grateful Resident

I had some work to do, so I called a friend.

He brought a buddy with him,
working 'til the end.

A special job was done,
they sawed and hammered here,
doing all this work,
as I just stood to cheer.

Then when the job was finished,
I asked "what do I owe?"

"There is no charge to you."

A bill they did not show. "

Oh no! I said to them,"
that's not why I asked,
if you do not take something,
you and I will clash."

Off they drove down the street,
now what am I to do?

just say "thank you for your help,
and I will pass it forward too."

**LST ----What a "great"
place to live!**



I would like to wish everyone a
happy Hanukkah and a very
merry Christmas! The election
is over and we have some sup-
portive state legislators –

starting with our local Brett Hage
and Charles Baxley. We have very good news in
that Sen. Hooper and Rep. Tuck have agreed to
sponsor our bill extending the tie down program
for another 10 years.

FMO exists through membership. We need you to
join! It's only \$25 per year or \$65 for 3 years.

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TOYS FOR KIDS, GOLF & BOAT PARADES



Winning golf cart





Winning Boat

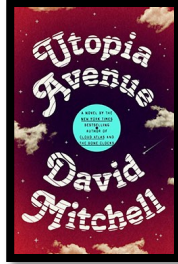
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Carol Roberts

Turnin' Pages

I have always believed you can never have too much reading or too many books, so, of course, I belong to four book clubs. This month I read David Mitchell's ninth novel *Utopia Avenue*, just in time for the Zoom meeting of my "talk about your favorite books" club.

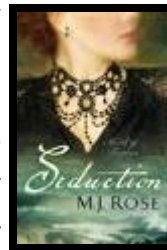


For me, the joy of reading Mitchell's novels lies in two elements: the interconnectedness of his stories and the wide range of their genres. Mitchell mixes historical fiction with magical realism with dystopian science fiction fantasy. For a fan of all these genres, the mix elicits nothing less than devotion. The interconnectedness of the characters and plots is clever and usually subtle; these novels are not a series. Plus, Mitchell's use of intricate and puzzling structures challenge a reader to reach the concluding payoff. *Utopia Avenue* is a novel of historical fiction, although the "history" is recent. Set in the 1960's, it traces the rise and collapse of a newly created rock band, curated by a savvy and devoted manager. He brings together four musicians, professionally unknown and unknown to each other, from quite varied backgrounds both personally and musically. Solidly British middle-class Elf Holloway, the only woman, is a talented keyboardist and folksy songwriter; R&B bassist Dean Moss is a sex-addicted survivor of an abusive childhood, Peter Griffin is a tough, blue-collar jazz drummer, and Jasper de Zoet is a guitarist--international, upper class, and oddly both sensitive and unaware. The plot traces their growing talent and rising fame as they navigate both the "music scene" and their personal struggles and tragedies. The 20-something characters grow, learn, and reach a

certain spiritual maturity in the historically realistic setting of "drugs, sex, and rock 'n roll," all the while their success is bookended by abuse, addiction, crib death, a car crash, and a fatal robbery. Detailed and precise references to real-life performers, musicians, and their works create a typical Mitchell-esque setting. Although the plot is developed through past and present lives of four different main characters, it moves along in an easily understandable arc. Characters and events from earlier novels appear off and on, and the de Zoet character suffers from a "psychological" illness in which "someone" tries to escape Jasper's consciousness and take over his existence.

Both devices are part of the delight of Mitchell's novels. The magical realism device at the final climax reveals Jasper's fate. Fans of historical fiction, music, supernatural intervention, and quirky, intricate plot devices will enjoy this book.

Our LST book club currently meets on the second Friday of every month, in the Clubhouse, from 1 pm – 2 pm. Our selections for the year are made in February, and the Leesburg Library provides copies of our selections.



Our next meeting is Friday, January 8, to discuss ***Seduction***, by MJ Rose, a "historically evocative and atmospheric tale of suspense with a spellbinding ghost story at its heart. Awaken a mystery that spans centuries, this multi-layered gothic brings a time, a place, and a cast of desperate characters brilliantly to life."

Currently, we are 16 active members, which may present some obstacles to using the clubhouse going forward this year, but we invite others to join us. We can work around seating and/or meeting.



On Another Note...

Kelly Veilleux

Sometimes I'm sad to see a year end, but I have to say I'm happy that 2020 is behind us and now we can move on to something new! I'd like to think we can say goodbye to "social distancing" and "face coverings" - but the uncertainty of life is shaping a new "normal" for us...

I'm uncomfortable when I don't know what to expect, I guess I really don't like surprises! Maybe some of you feel that way too. That's why I really appreciate the Bible; it tells us how this story ends! No surprises, no information withheld or only given to the "elite or insiders". Simple enough for even a child to understand, yet complex so we have to want to read it and understand it. I'm thankful that God included signs or guideposts in His Word so that we can understand where we are in earth's history. I'm thankful that He is open and honest with His unfailing love for us and His desire for us to know Him as our personal Lord and Savior.

Matthew 24 describes some of the "signs" that we should be looking for that tell of the 2nd Advent of Christ. And once again I'm thankful that God wants us to know Him and to know what to expect!



There are many "voices" proclaiming lots of "theories" about the "end of the world", and sadly that only adds to confusion and fear. And God's Word tells us that, "perfect love cast out all fear", 1 John 4:18.

The good news is that Jesus is coming soon, and we, as His children can look forward to it with confidence and peace. Though this world will not experience peace until it's all over, we can still have peace in our hearts every day! Know that you are loved and prayed for every day! If you would like someone to pray with you and or read the Bible with you please reach out to me - I would cherish the time to pray and read with you.

Keep your eyes on Jesus as we begin this New Year - He is truly our Only Hope.

Kelly Veilleux

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Next month I will share one of my favorite Bible stories with you...

Peace
on
Earth

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Lakeside Terrace web page

By Rich Aniol

Check out the activities that have been going on at Lakeside Terrace, recent ones and from years ago. Also read the Seagull Newsletter online at www.lakesideterrace.net

If anyone has anything for the Terrace web page, lakesideterrace.net, please let me know and send it to me at LTseagull@aol.com and please include your name. If you would like to be added to the Seagull Newsletter mailing list, or removed from it, just send me your email address and name. You could email me from the Lakeside Terrace website and also get the newsletter there.

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I somehow lost the mailing list for Lakeside Terrace so I sent the Nov. Seagull newsletter to whom I thought was on it. If you received the newsletter in error and you are not interested in receiving it, please email me and I will take your name off my mailing list. If you did not receive the November Seagull newsletter as you have in the past, please let me know and I will put you back on the list.

To our new residents,
please help me update our
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anniversary lists
by e-mailing your info to :

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CORONAVIRUS

This virus has me sitting, at home here in my chair.

I haven't shaved for days, and

I'm in my underwear.

The TV's not turned on, for the
stories I have heard.

To wash my hands each time,
I know word for word.

My honey's in her room, her phone is in her hand.

Listening to Orange Blossom, and
their country band.

I will waddle out sometimes, to
the carport now and then.

Praying for the world, that this soon might end.

My friends are getting edgy,
the stores are closing up.

No paper on the shelves, just a dixie cup.

Our car has not moved, (Ok, to the mailbox).

I've never been so still; well, I had the chicken pox.

There are times I like to quit, I didn't know I had.
Instead of rushing every day, (which is kind of sad).

So now that I am stuck, in my carport chair,

WELL, I got my 20,000 steps in today,
10,000 going to my shopping doors, and
10,000 going back to get my mask.



Hey, did you forget
your mask?



Oh, u r
so funny!

AGAIN??

In Sympathy

I apologize to Nancy and Terry & Sandy Miles for not including Rus in our condolences of Lakeside residents who passed since our last newsletter. What a painful loss, kindly accept our sympathy over the passing of your husband & father. We pray God will comfort you dearly.



Russell Lee Miles was born on July 21, 1935 in Mecca, Indiana and passed away on March 6, 2020 in Leesburg, Florida.

Funeral Services were held on March 10, 2020 at 11:00 am at Countryside Baptist Church, 2805 Register Road, Fruitland Park, FL. Final Resting Place is at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, 5740 S Pine Ave, Ocala, FL.

The Santa Sweepstakes @ Christmas 2020

Prizes:
Gift Baskets Mini Air Fryer Mini Keurig
Mini Tabletop Grill Assorted Housewares Holiday Plants
and more

- * Each home receives one free raffle ticket
- * Santa Sweepstakes drawings on Dec 21 @ 4:30
Winners need not be present
- * Drawing will be held at 38 Lakeview Dr.
- * Prizes will be delivered on Dec 22 in the morning
- * 50/50 tickets **only** sold from Dec 14 – Dec 20
 Buy your tickets from Laura Erwin, Deb Brown, or Martha Grove - Drawing for 50/50 on Dec. 21 @ 4:30 pm
50/50 Winner must be present



House Decorating winner (\$25.00) to be awarded on Dec 21st. Get your votes in by Dec 20th to a social club board member.



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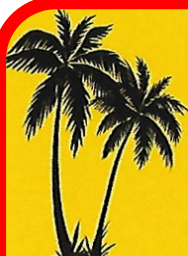
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