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Community Calendar

House Decorating

Nov 30-Dec 17

Cookie Share&Taste

Dec 2 5:30-6:30 PM

Social Club Meeting

Dec 2 7:00 PM

Ladies Luncheon & Ornament Exchange

Dec 4 1:00 PM



Boat Parade

Dec 6 4:45 PM

Holiday Dinner

Dec 11 4:00 PM

Book Club

Dec 12 2:00 PM

Food/Toy Driveends Dec 12

Caroling

Dec 16 6:00 PM

Golf Cart Parade

Dec 17 3:30

Birthday Bash

Dec 17 5:00 PM

Social Club News

Happy Holidays to All

Linda Greer, Social Club President

It is that time of year again when our calendars fill up with lots of opportunities to share holiday cheer with your friends and neighbors. Lakeside Terrace is no exception.

This year will be a little slower with the Clubhouse construction, but be assured your Social Club Officers are planning lots of fun events for the community.

The Christmas Elves are ready to collect and deliver your Christmas cards for the community. Cards can be dropped off starting November 30. Please make sure you have a name and address on the envelope.

Christmas House Decorating Contest opens on 11/30. Votes can be dropped off at the clubhouse. The winner will be announced on 12/17 at the Birthday Bash.

Holiday Food and Toy Drive has begun. Non-perishable food and unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the clubhouse anytime until Tuesday 12/2.

Christmas Cookie/Snack Tasting is scheduled for Dec 2, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Bring your favorite Christmas cookies or snacks to share with the community. A Social Club meeting will follow the tasting.

Ladies Luncheon and Ornament Exchange will be on Dec 4th at 1:00 pm at Roberto's Ristorante and Pizzeria. Sign up with Sue Furry to attend. Bring a new, wrapped, Christmas tree ornament to exchange with others at the luncheon.

The Christmas Boat Parade will be Dec 6 at 4:45 pm. Bring your chairs and warm clothes to the Marina to watch. Volunteer to help decorate a boat.

The Holiday Dinner will be held on Dec. 11 at 4:00 pm in the Gardenia Community Center on Berckman St. Signups are required and end on 12/1. We are looking for 2 or 3 shuttle drivers to start picking people up at 3:00. Contact any Social Club Officer to be a volunteer driver.

Christmas Caroling will be on Dec 16th; Meet at the clubhouse at 6:00 pm.

The Christmas Golf Cart Parade will be on Dec 17th at 3:30 followed by the Birthday Bash at 5:00 pm.

New Year's Eve plans are up in the air. Watch for information to be posted on Facebook, in the clubhouse, or in kiosks. The New Year promises to bring exciting new things for the clubhouse and the community pool.

Please be patient and flexible during the construction; be safe and respect the construction boundaries.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to Everyone!!

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Manager's Corner

Malinda Brown, Community Manager

Well, we have finally officially made it to the end of Hurricane season. Woohoo! Welcome to December! My favorite time of the Year. I love Christmas and the Spirit it brings. Here's to Good Tidings and Joy for all of us. Let's embrace the season of giving and caring and sharing; many opportunities are available to do so. Don't forget the Annual Toy and Food Drive. You can donate gifts inside of the clubhouse.

Don't forget we will be posting all taxes on January first. If you need your EFT set up, please come by the office to have us help you set it up.

I really can't believe this year is almost over; it went by so fast. So, take time to slow down for the holidays. Sing carols, spread cheer, and be the reason someone smiles today. We never know what each other is going through, and for many of us the holidays are sprinkled with sadness and grief of the loved ones no longer with us. Kindness goes a long way. None of us are promised tomorrow, so let's live our best today together.

"Life is Short, and if we enjoy every moment of every day, then we'll be happy no matter what happens or what changes along the way". -Gretchen Bleller.

Please enjoy every moment and every memory December offers you. May we all end this year with smiles and love. Happy Holidays everyone!





Greetings From the HOA

Randy Ellis, HOA President

Your HOA wishes all a very happy and safe holiday!

Isn't this a great time of the year? I think it's just great. We are very fortunate to really have two different types of families. We have our Lakeside Terrace Friends that have become our social family, and then there are our families that most of us have up north. Some of us will travel back home for the holidays, and others will still be returning to their winter homes here at Lakeside Terrace.

I'd like to touch upon a couple updates as we go forward.

Clubhouse Renovation Project: I recently spoke to Malinda, and she informed me that the Clubhouse work will most likely begin towards the end of November. The project will begin with work on the outside of the building, then moving inside after the first of the year.

Pool & Hot Tub: The project is near completion and hopefully when you read this issue of the Seagull, it will be open. It really looks beautiful.

November Meeting: During our November HOA meeting, we discussed this issue about HOA meeting during the time the Clubhouse will be closed. The board felt it would not be feasible to hold meetings during this time. 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.

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 teir personal information with the HOA. We also have a new Comment/Wish List slip at the Clubhouse. The HOA also has a locked box at the Clubhouse 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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The
Lake County
Ladies' Chorus
Will perform their
Christmas Concert
at the Leesburg Library
on Saturday, December 6
at 1:00 PM

Directed by Darlene Stodola, Lakeside Terrace

Happy December Anniversary

Peg & Rich Aniol, Randy & Terri Ellis, Douglas & Gillian Irish, Jerry & Kathy Kowalski, Gail & Jim Roth, Don & Sherry Shaw, Bill & Shirley Smith

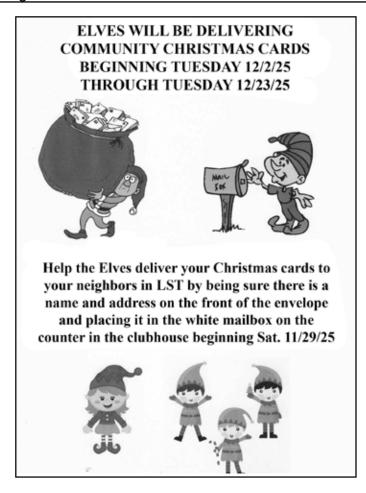
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Happy December Birthday

Judy Bryant, Mary Burel, Regina Filbert, Betty Fleming, Bill Kellerman, Bill Smith, Gloria Stephenson, Skip Van Amberg, Peggy Wathen.



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Attention All Shoppers DONATE YOUR PLASTIC BAGS

The Abundance of Love non-profit will weave plastic bags into sleeping mats for the homeless.

Please drop bags off inside the clubhouse. Cans to collect them are located behind the curtains at the front of the clubhouse.

You can also donate your bags at the Gardenia Center in Fruitland Park.

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Sharks and Turtles . . . and Whales? Oh my!

Carol Roberts

The Atlantic ocean is only a short drive away from our patch in CenFlo, and the beaches beckon. They call our names with the soft sounds of the surf. They thrill us with the shivery sighting of a cruising shark. And they can astound us with the awe-inducing noises of "lob-tailing," "flippering," and "breaching." That's correct; with a short drive to the east, you can see whales! In Florida!



left- Two possibly pregnant cows heading toward the Florida calving grounds in early 2025. They are known animals Koala and Curlew.

Up to 70 tons and 55 feet long, the North Atlantic Right Whale might be difficult to miss, but its population numbers a mere 370 animals, including only 70 fertile females. These females remain pregnant for a year before their calves are born, and although three years is a typical span between pregnancies, currently, females are giving birth only every six to ten years. For the few pregnant cows, November through April is calving season, and, from the northeastern coast of the US and Canada, they travel over 1000 miles to the coast of northern and central Florida. For this endangered species, the Florida coast is the only known calving area. Since 2017, entanglement in fishing gear and collisions with boats have eradicated twenty percent of the population, leading to more deaths than births in the past ten years.

Currently, 156 members of the 370 member population are listed in this ongoing Unusual Mortality Event (UME.)

NOAA (National Oceanic and tmospheric Administration) has assigned a four-digit number to every identified right whale. Researchers also assign names to whales that have a unique physical feature or a strong story in connection to where they were seen.

Florida Northern Right Whale Sightings Last year, on February 23, 2025, volunteers with the Marineland Right Whale Project saw right whale "Platypus" and her calf approximately 300 yards off Ormond Beach, Florida. Her first calf, born in 2015 did not survive. Platypus was caught in fishing gear when she was five years old, but was rescued. She will be 22 in the 2026 season.

"Cashew," was 23 years old when she birthed her third known calf last February off the coast of Nassau Sound, FL. Her 2015 calf was not cataloged, but her 2008 male calf has been seen recently.

Off the coast of Amelia Island last January, 18-year-old "Check Mark" and her calf were sighted and catalogued. She was named for part of her fluke that was sliced off by a vessel strike when she was 6 years old; it now resembles a check mark.



left- Off Amelia Island last January 17, Checkmark and her calf were recorded in aerial survey by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

First seen in 1981, 44-year-old "Grand Teton" was spotted in January 2025 off Amelia Island with her 6-day-old ninth calf. They were seen by an aerial survey team from Clearwater Marine Aquarium Research Institute. Grand Teton is one of only a handful of female right whales to have birthed nine calves. Two of those are moms, and Grand Teton has five grandcalves. Although she is one of the most productive right whales ever, her family have been endangered by entanglements and vessel strikes. All of her female calves are presumed dead, and only one of her female grandcalves may still be alive.

To see what happens with Florida's Right Whales, head to Flagler Beach, Ormond Beach, Daytona Beach, Cape Canaveral beaches, or Apollo Beach, which all are close enough for a day trip, or for a few days away, try St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra, Amelia Island or Sebastian Inlet. February seems the best month for whale watching near us, and while boat tours do exist, they are both pricey and chancy—you will see lots of sea life, but probably not a whale. Binoculars and a beach

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are the best chance of seeing the right whale. A couple of local fishing piers are recommended: the Sunglow pier in Daytona Beach Shores and the Main Street pier in Daytona Beach. Even if you don't see a whale, you can eat seafood and drink margaritas.

more information:

https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/northatlantic-right-whale

https://www.facebook.com/ RightWhaleSightingNetwork/

Put These on Your Bucket List

Rich McFadden

 You'll be in an old wild west gunfight with Billy the Kid—to draw down on the famous "lefthanded gun." But Alas, Billy Bonney is now

95 years old, and his gun hand is now his "cane hand." But rest assured, he's the fastest cane in the west.



- Who doesn't want to be an astronaut on the next
 - moon mission—roaring through space—landing on the moon—stepping down on the desolate moon surface taking another leap for mankind. But somehow you find yourself "leaping" onto the sand in the Mojave desert, and instead of picking up moon rocks, you find an old Jose Cuervo bottle. You say to yourself, "I thought we were drinking Tang . . ."
- For those racing fans with a thirst for speed, you'll want to enter your car in the new NASCAR Florida race—on I-95! You can ignore the speed limit signs (you always have)and when you see flashing lights, that's your cue to race the highway patrol to the Georgia line.
- At the top of everyone's list is that first voyage on a cruise ship. You are thrilled to board that huge ship, but you become a little disconcerted when you realize you're on the first sailing of a new liner—christened "Titanic II." Bon Voyage!
- For the driving enthusiasts, you've always wanted to take that road trip on "Route 66," visiting the iconic diners and staying at the classic motels. But somehow you drive into the "Twilight Zone" and find yourself on Route

- 99. You stop at "Mama" for gas—didn't they used to be "Wawa," and further on down the road, you treat yourself to that famous ice cream sundae at Johnson Howard's.
- If you are that daredevil among us, you can go on a skydiving adventure, jumping out of a plane at 20,000 feet. But when the jump time arrives, you ask yourself, "Why would I want to jump out of a perfectly good airplane?" But you jump anyway, and land safely, with a pants' full...







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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:

<u>Food Assistance Programs:</u> 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

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

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