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Community Calendar

Social Club Meeting

Feb 3 4 PM @ Marina

Ladies Luncheon

Feb 12
1 PM



Book Club

Feb 13 2 PM
@ Fruitland Park Library

Social Club News

February Social Club Events

Linda Greer, Social Club President

Even though the clubhouse is closed, it is reassuring to know there is no shortage of activities happening in the community. Euchre, Mexican Train, Pennies, Book Club, bowling, golf, shuffleboard, plus more functions. Once we have uninterrupted access to the pool, water aerobics will return. The Ladies Luncheon for February will be at I-Barbecue on Feb. 12 at 1:00 pm. Be sure to contact Sue Furry if you plan to attend.

Several people have asked about the community Tag Sale. The Social Club Officers will NOT be organizing a Tag Sale in the community this year due to construction. We participated in the Fruitland Park Yard Sale on Jan. 3rd and made \$437 on four carloads of goods donated by some of our residents. We will be participating in this event again on April 11th, 2026. Donations for this event will be collected starting April 1st.

Reminder: every resident can hold their own yard sale once a year. Think about organizing your street to run a multiple family yard sale. If you want help with advertising, contact Linda Greer.

The community has several new residents. Block parties are a great way for them to meet people. Consider hosting one. The New Year's Eve Block Party was a great success. St. Patrick's Day is March 17th, a great

time to get your green on. Contact any officer about hosting a block party in your neck of the woods.

Easter will be here before we know it (April 5th) and chances of the clubhouse being available look slim. If you are interested in hosting an Easter Event, contact any Social Club Officer. We also welcome ideas for celebrating the holiday outside of the clubhouse.

The next Social Club meeting will be on Feb. 3rd (weather permitting) starting at 4:00 pm. Sit in your golf cart or bring a lawn chair. **February is nominations for Vice President and Treasurer.** If you are interested in running for one of these offices, contact the nominating committee, Mary Burel and Rusty Snyder. March is elections for new officers. It is VERY important to have a quorum (approximately 30) at these meetings. Consider serving as a Social Club Executive Committee Officer for the upcoming two-year term. No Executive Committee means NO Social Club.

Activities Update

Watch the FB Family page for more info.

- **Water Aerobics** M/W/F 10 AM
- **Euchre** Wednesdays 9:30 AM
Jean Cherovsky's @ 48 Eden
- **Mah Jongg** Thursdays 1 PM
Will and Donna Johnson's @ 63 Eden
- **Pennies** Thursdays 6 PM
Don and Deb Boyd's @ 87 lake Griffin
- **"Mexican Train"** Saturdays 1 PM
Will and Donna Johnson's @ 63 Eden

- **Book Club** 2nd Friday 2pm
@ Fruitland Park Library
- **Social Club** Meets 1st Tuesday 4PM
@ Marina. Bring a chair

Greetings From the HOA

Randy Ellis, HOA President

Due to the clubhouse closure, the HOA Board elected to postpone the Annual HOA Meeting. With no Annual Meeting, there can be no election, although currently three seats are up for election and three nominees have been named. The board members with expiring terms are being asked to continue until the next annual meeting. They are Randy Ellis, Carol Hetherington, and William Johnson. Board members with one-year remaining are James Filbert, and Carol Roberts. Because of extended terms until the next Annual Meeting, five seats will be open for election in 2027, two of which are also open to nominees. The next annual meeting will take place on January 12, 2027, at 6PM.

While the Clubhouse remains closed, the HOA Board will continue to conduct positive meetings with Park Management. We will keep everyone informed via Facebook and Email. When the Clubhouse reopens, we will continue with our monthly meetings the way we have conducted them in the last three years. If you do have concerns, please contact a board member, and we will assist the best we can. I would also like to thank the board members Carol Hetherington, Will Johnson, Carol Roberts, and Jim Filbert for being great team members.

Manager's Corner

Malinda Brown, Park Manager

Well, this year is moving along quickly. I can't believe it's already February.

The construction is coming along nicely with the clubhouse renovation. We have completed removal of the back wall stucco and the sealing of the exterior to ensure that no more water will make its way inside. The stucco application to the back exterior wall will be next. The windows and doors have been ordered and will be installed soon. Thank you all for your patience and understanding as work continues to happen in that area. As much as it has been an inconvenience, it will be a beautiful change

and much appreciated once it's done.

We have hired a new maintenance person. His name is Tyler. Please help me welcome him to the community. I'm so excited because now we can start tackling the list of projects I have in store for this year. We will follow the plan and be starting our Annual 360 Inspections on February 1st. Every resident should receive their inspection form on or before February 28th, 2025. I will be sending out an email to everyone with a copy of this form, so we all know what the expectations are. There will be a 60 day allotment for any improvements, or clean-up of any marked items. I will say that there will be special attention to any overgrown, exceedingly numbered amounts of plantings or weeds in the yards as well as the clutter of items in the carports. We expect each lot to be organized, orderly, pleasing to the eye and community, as per the specs in the Prospectus and Rules & Regs. If anyone needs the most current Rules or Prospectus, please let me know.

I try very hard to keep updates and communication getting to you all so, if you do not receive our multiplier calls or my emails, please call the office and update your contact information.

I hope everyone has a wonderful February.

In Memoriam

William P "Bill" O'Brien
November 26, 1943-December 12, 2025
Aged 82 Years

Thomas E "Tom" Kedrowski
January 26, 1947- January 5, 2026
Aged 78 Years

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Christmas

at the
Gardenia Center



*pictured top-bottom
left: Betty Fleming,
Sue Furry, Anne Reeves,
Liz Dziedzic.
right: Nancy Vollmer,
Jean Cherovsky,
Tina Kickery.*

Social Club Executive Board
Martha Grove, Kim Thurman, Linda
Greer, Sue McFadden, Lorri Rowe.

Sharing a Meal Made the Holidays Sweeter

Elegant décor focused around a beautifully decorated Christmas tree greeted attendees as they entered the Gardenia Center to begin the holiday season with a meal prepared by central Florida caterers Wine and Dine Us. Decorations were provided by the Social Club and were placed by the officers and other volunteers from the park. The “gold” trimmed table settings were lovely, and the cheery tablecloths sported festive centerpieces. Wreaths and candy canes - along with flowers and plants strategically located by Linda, Kim, Sue, and Lorri with Peg Aniol and Nancy Vollmer - completed the holiday look. Following Caesar salad, the entree of breast of chicken or ham was accompanied by mashed potatoes and green beans almondine. Guests helped themselves to coffee, tea, and punch, along with desserts baked specially for the occasion by Liz Dziejczak and Linda Greer. Everyone enjoyed Liz's pumpkin cheesecake, Linda's pecan dump cake, and cheesecake bites donated by Bill and Paulette Stewart.



Behind the Scene

above right- Barb Stodola is ready to serve dinner.

right- Sue and Rich McFadden and Terry Walker work the 50-50.



Thanks to volunteers who made the evening an event.

above- Rich and Peg Aniol

right- Marg Bresinski

far right- Martha and Ron Grove



holiday CANDIDS

right- Julie Kingston, Phil Kingston, Lynn Bernier and Moe Lavoie.

top ribbon- Robert Young, Steve Fisher, Paulette and Bill Stewart, Joanne Speas.

bottom ribbon- Linda Wolosyn, Doris Buyarski, Deb Ludwig, Marla Holmes, and Ellen Hoagland.



left- Don and Kim Mitchell
center- Deb and Mel Porritt
right- Marlene Turk



far left- The Mileses: Steven O'Brien, Nancy, Sandye, and Terry.
left- The Bagleys: Diane, Gale, Seth, and George.

first row below- Don and Debbie Boyd, Mary Burel and Rusty Snyder, April O'Malley.



second row below- Nancy Byrd and Mary Anne Paquette, Judy Laqualia, Dawn Reed, Karen Keenan and Mike Bernd, Debbie Barrett.



above- Bob and Donna Covell, Bill and Shirley Smith, Anne Walker and Shirl Schmelzer, Phil Banfill.

left- Herb and June Jourden, Mary Anne and Don Paquette, Mike Schmelzer.

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My “Unqualified” Book Review
Outliers : The (Secret) Story to Success
 by Malcolm Gladwell
 Rich McFadden

Outliers are, by definition, individuals—or group of individuals— that have achieved a higher level of performance or accomplishment through many thousands of hours of practice and actual performance in a body of work, striving continually to reach a higher value of achievement to the extent of a professional level.

Example #1: Hockey Players from Canada:

The vast majority of hockey players at the highest levels of youth league, junior league, or professional league are all born in Canada in January, February, and March! Why? Because the age class cutoff date in youth or junior league play is January first, affording the “birthday boys” an extra year at each level of play. This allows them to compete at higher levels of performance for three times as many games during a given season—which illustrates the “10,000 Hour Rule.”

Example #2: The Ten Thousand Hour Rule:

The rule says that any performer (whether sports, music, math, computing, etc.) who begins at an early age (five to ten,) who practices to continuing higher levels of performance at an average of thirty hours per week, will reach 10,000 hours by age twenty, playing or performing at a professional level. Remember—Practice isn't the thing you do when you're good; practice is the thing you do that makes you good!

Example #3: The Beatles—How Good Became Great:

The Beatles hit rock stardom in 1964, but how did they get there? Practice, practice, practice, playing over 1000 gigs, well over 10,000 hours. How was this achieved? It didn't happen in somebody's garage or basement. They were afforded an extraordinary opportunity in 1962 to play multiple gigs in several nightclubs in Hamburg, Germany. These weren't your average two hour performances; they were playing all night, eight to ten hours, seven days a week, for the better part of a year—well over

10,000 hours. By the time they were looking at their first record contract, Ed Sullivan was knocking on their door. The rest is history!

Example #4: Outliers in Harlan County, Kentucky

We're talking the Appalachian mountains. Forget 10,000 hours; this is a case of generations embracing a learned behavior called the “Honor Culture.” Harlan county was founded in 1819 by eight original immigrant families from the British Isles. They were a clan that based their heritage on first and always defending family honor. This cultural mindset led to confrontations, gun battles, and numerous murders for insulting or challenging someone's family honor. Family feuds lasted many years, with mayhem and murder the only resolve to restore family honor. The famous Hatfield and McCoy feud went on for over 100 years, and it is disputed whether anyone's honor was ever restored. The takeaway from all of this is that inbred learned—and repeated—behaviors and communal circumstances in a closed society can define who we are and transcend generations. These behaviors are impacted very little by education or other life experiences.

FOOTNOTE: the exceptional performance of “outliers” is achieved through consistent effort, inherent physical and mental ability, and extraordinary opportunities during a relative period of time.

**The Lakeside Terrace 10-pin bowling league
is seeking new bowlers—beginners
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**The league meets once a week at
AMF Leesburg Lanes
2813 W Main St.**

**For more information, contact
Kathy Walden @ 330-414-2555**

Some Winter Doings



right- Social Club Meeting at the Marina
below- Terry Walker with a catch.

above- Mary Burel, George Bagley, Rusty Snyder

left- Linda Greer, Lorri Rowe.

Ladies of Leisure at Cottage Inn restaurant



back left- Barb Stodola, Betty Fleming, Sue Furry, Debbie Boyd.
front left- Linda Wolosyn, Doris Buyarski, Shirl Schmelzer, Anne Walker, Nancy Vollmer.
below- Nancy Hoover, Carol Bechler, Teri Barkhouse.

back left- Roxanne Shields, Tonya Lawhorn, Linda Greer, Sue Rice, Karen Keenan, Sue Greenwood, Sue McFadden, June Jourden, Diane Walker.
front left- Nancy Byrd, Carol Hetherington, Terri Ellis, Roni Kellerman, Kim Thurman, Jean Cherovsky.

New Year's Eve Antics

New Year's Eve became an al fresco event due to the closed Clubhouse, and festivities were moved to Scott and Linda Greer's corner of Lakeview. The weather was quite chilly—though not as cold as it would be in a few weeks—so folks bundled up to play some games and ring in 2026—at 5:00 PM! “Poop the Potato” and Cornhole games kept everyone laughing and moving, while snacks and “adult beverages” added some warmth to the evening.

right- Mary Jane Beckhans celebrates with granddaughters Natalie (l) and Kaylee (r.)



top- Skip VanAmberg and June Taylor (l) wait for the result of Susan Jansen and Linda Greer's potato race (r.)

Catching the last rays of 2025 are Sierra Sebastian (l) and Nancy and Steve Hoover. Residents brought drinks, snacks to share, seats, and COATS!

above- A group heads for cover as sunset approaches.

Linda Greer has some help setting out snacks.

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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:

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
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Rent/Utility Assistance Programs:

Salvation Army of Lake and Sumter Counties
 2605 South Street
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Lake Community Action Agency
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