

The Seagull

Lakeside Terrace | 24 Sunrise Lane, Fruitland Park, FL 34731
www.lakesideterrace.net



July 2026



Lakeside Terrace Youngsters

Foxes: Gillian Irish

Gators: Julie Kingston

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Monthly Activities

2nd Fri. Book Club July 10, 2:00 PM



(At the **Fruitland Park Library**,
604 W. Berckman St.,
Fruitland Park)

2nd Sun. Ladies of Faith July 12
(We'll visit **an area church**. Location & time are subject to change. **Watch for info on Facebook**. We meet at the Lakeview Drive mailboxes, and have lunch after the service.)

3rd Tue. Guys & Gals Luncheon
July 21, 1:00 PM



(At **La Palma**,
1690 Citrus
Blvd. / Rte. 441

Leesburg - IN the Bealls Plaza)

Weekly Activities

Water Weights Workout

M - W - F 9:00 AM

Water Aerobic Exercise

(No Equipment) M - W - F 9:30 AM

Pool Noodle Exercise

Tu - Th 9:00 AM

Mah Jongg Thursdays 1:00 PM
(Location varies)

Mexican Train Dominoes

Saturdays (Location varies) 1:00 PM
(To attend either game, please RSVP by 11:00 AM that day to Donna + Will Johnson. We'll respond with that day's game location. RSVP via (802) 258 - 1865, djwj23@gmail.com, or on LST's facebook. All are welcome.)

Social Club News

Linda Greer, Social Club President

"July is a Blind Date with Summer" - Hal Borland

I love the above quote. From the windows of my sunroom, all looks so beautiful outside till I walk out and my glasses fog up. And of course, here in Florida, rainstorms can happen on just one side of the street, last five minutes, and if you get caught in one, the roads are dry long before you are.

Anticipation is building for the re-opening of our beloved Clubhouse. Watch for information about a grand re-opening event hosted by ELS. Malinda is very excited to show off the improvements.

The Seagull needs a new editor. If you have any type of computer skills and an eye for detail, we can use your help. The job duties are editing and compiling articles, photos, and other information for the community newsletter. The newsletter is published once a month. Our guest editor, Donna Johnson, will be available to train anyone interested in taking on this volunteer job. Contact any Social Club Officer for more information.

The monthly calendar will be added back into the Seagull starting in August. Social Club will be checking in with activity leaders to confirm dates and times.

July 4th events information is below:

1. Create a unique **250th Anniversary Flag with Red, White, and Blue** somewhere in it. All entries must be submitted by July 3rd to Linda Greer at 20 Lakeview Drive. We are also seeking judges for the contest. Respond on Facebook or message Linda Greer if interested. Entries will be displayed at the Clubhouse, and prizes will be awarded after the relay.
2. Lady Liberty Torch Relay - Participants will Walk, Jog, Roll, or Ride 250 ft. down Sunrise Lane by the Clubhouse, each representing one or more US States. I have heard rumors of flags, costumes, and more being prepared for the event. The Duck will even be making an appearance. **The Relay starts at 10:00 am.** Bring your lawn chairs and

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cheer on the relay participants. Danishes, coffee, and water will be provided.

Unfortunately, the Clubhouse will not be open on this day, and it is too hot for your cooks/servers, so there will be no community cookout. The next cookout will be Labor Day.

“July is hollyhocks and hammocks, fireworks and vacations, hot and steamy weather, cool and refreshing swims, beach picnics, and vegetables all out of the garden.” - Jean Hersey

LST Online Calendar

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r>

Manager's Corner

Malinda Brown, Community Manager

Happy July Everybody! I hope everyone has a wonderful 4th of July holiday coming up. We have a lot going on here at Lakeside Terrace. The finishing of the Clubhouse renovation is very near! I'm so excited! We will be having an open house Ice Cream Social for everyone to see the inside and celebrate our reopening. We are looking at Friday, July 10th if everything goes as planned. The time is still To Be Determined. I think you all will be so happy and pleased with all the changes and upgrades.



The 360 inspection follow-ups that were due in April were paused due to my unexpected absence. However, we are back on track. Many of you have discussed your plans and efforts with me to complete the necessary work to be compliant. I appreciate those of you who have worked with me on how to become compliant again to the expectations of ELS on your home lots. There has been lots of help; from paint, to painting, to power washing, to clearing unwanted items from so many. The dumpster was very helpful to you and any other residents that had things to get rid of. I was happy to supply that resource for all of you. I'm hoping to continue having a Community Clean Up Day once a year in the future. The 360 inspections are officially done once a year. However all throughout the year, your home and lot must remain

compliant to these expectations. Remember, communication and effort go a long way. I will try to work with you in any way I can if you are willing. Also, as a reminder: **No** items are to be sat at the roadside. All pickup items should be picked up within 24 hours of their placement. If they are not picked up within 24 hours, they must be brought back to your carport area.

We are a managed community governed by rules and regulations. This is a place that every one of you chose to become your home. Living in this kind of community allows you to live comfortably knowing that others are held to a standard and that your neighbors are going to have nice, clean lots and that everyone must behave in such a way that shows respect to all others in their community.

Here are some of the community's concerns and a reminder to you of a few of the rules that are expected from each and every one of you.

In the Rules and Regs, it says that window AC units are NOT PERMITTED. Rule # 12. I know that there have been many installed as permanent fixtures in screen rooms and were there before my employment started here. I have not made anyone remove these units. However, I am very concerned that I may have to in the future. They are also not “grandfathered” in. Only one lot has written permission from previous management to have one in their home. Many more units have been installed and there are some in the windows of your homes. I will allow the AC units to remain in your screen room for now. **But any window units in the home windows need to be removed ASAP.** The same rule applies to clotheslines. Rule # 4. This rule states that no hanging clothes or laundry is permitted outside. I know some of these clotheslines have been there for a long time. I will not make anyone **remove** them at this time. But, they are **not approved to be installed on your lot.** If you have a clothesline or an AC in your screen room on your lot, please notify the office. Like most things listed in the Rules and Regs, ANY changes to your outside, must go through an approval process in the office BEFORE these changes are made. If you are unsure, read your Rules & Regs. If you still are unsure, come see me and we can discuss it.

Any removal of trees or plantings of ANY kind

must go through the office before digging any soil. Rule # 20. There are a lot of home lots that have this activity without any conversations taking place. These must be submitted to management before removing or adding them to your land. Let's talk about it first and avoid any waste of your time, effort or money and avoid any extra time, effort and money in having to remove them once they are planted. As I said before, communication and effort go a long way.

Our pool area is a big conversation piece amongst many of you right now. Rules are not being followed. Breaking rules of the pool area will result in being banned from the area. Glass bottles are prohibited. Beverages stay on the deck. Beverages are not allowed in the water. Smoking is ONLY allowed in the designated smoking area. Please respect the rules or face the consequences.

I'm so happy to be back. I've missed you all. I appreciate all the prayers, and well wishes, cards, etc. They all meant the world to me! That was a very long 3 months.

There are many things that we are giving our attention to. We are working very hard to address issues and complete many tasks that are much needed on our end. So, please keep sharing your concerns and feedback with us. Thanks, Malinda.

Lakeside Terrace HOA & FMO:

Randy Ellis, President - Lakeside Terrace Homeowners Assoc. Inc., President - FMO District 3 - Lake County, FL, and Member - FMO PAC Committee

Greetings from the HOA - FMO - PAC Committee: It's that time of year. Our Park has thinned out as our Winter Residents have gone home. We wish them all a safe summer and a happy return when that time comes. When that time comes, they should see a newly renovated Clubhouse, and everything getting back into action.

Clubhouse Renovation Project: At the moment, we have been given a target date of July 10 to re-open the Clubhouse. Understand there is still lots to get done, and even once the construction



is completed, there will be more to do. It looks beautiful inside and out. The new Library will have new shelving and furniture. The new restrooms are much larger and completely ADA compliant. There is new flooring throughout the entire building. Malinda has discussed a grand re-opening party. Maybe cake and ice cream.

FMO/PAC Committee: We are still waiting for the Governor's signature for HB 701. The only way this bill can fail now is if the Governor were to veto it. Unfortunately, House Bill 703 saw some opposition from the FMHA. While most items were acceptable, they were opposed to moving 723 from DBPR to Legal Affairs and Consumer Services. The PAC Committee will be working with Representative Stark to introduce this bill again next year. The PAC Committee and the FMO have been successful on a reduction in limiting tax increases to our parks. Currently they (Lake County) can increase our pass-through tax assessment up to a 10 percent increase; we have been successful on a 3 percent limitation. During a recent PAC Committee Meeting, concerns were brought up about the possibility of a bill being proposed by the legislature in Tallahassee to place a **sales tax** on our **rent**. This has been tried many times in the past. A year from now, FL will have a new Governor. This is when they try to sneak these bills in. I want to assure everyone that the FMO is working hard to prevent bills like this from passing.

One of FMO's core missions is to advocate on behalf of Manufactured Homeowners at the State and Local levels. By joining, you support an organization that directly influences Florida's Legislative Process, working to create fairer, more transparent laws for Manufactured Homeowners.

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 per household, or \$102 for three years.** If you need assistance in joining, please feel free to contact me. **Remember your \$40 Annual Membership could save you a \$40 sales tax every month. Contact me now, and I will help you join.**

CELEBRATE OUR ANNIVERSARY!

250
YEARS

PART IV - Timeline for "Independence"

-Rich McFadden

.....And the War begins:

1775 - April 19th - Colonists skirmish with British regulars at Lexington and Concord – known as “the shot heard ‘round the world.”

1776 - July 4 - The “Declaration of Independence” is signed, uniting the 13 colonies as “America.”

1777 - January - Warfare would be bloody and prolonged - from New England to Georgia - American forces suffered staggering losses. Congress was forced to flee Philadelphia.

The war would claim more than twenty-seven thousand American lives. Victory appeared all but impossible, but with crucial aid and military forces from our French allies, the American forces persevered.

1780 - The cities of Charleston and Savannah surrendered to British forces. Pensacola, Florida is captured by Spanish forces in support of the rebel cause.

1781 - After British forces suffered a remarkable series of embarrassing defeats, General Charles Cornwallis surrendered his army to General George Washington on October 19, 1781 in Yorktown, Virginia - ending the war. Over 8,000 British troops laid down their arms. They left almost 250 pieces of artillery and cannons, and 300 horses and wagons.

1783 - The Treaty of Paris was signed on September 3rd - officially recognizing America’s independence.

1788 - The “U.S. Constitution” is ratified by Congress.

1789 - George Washinton is the first elected President of the United States of America.

1791 - The Bill of Rights is adopted by states.

1803 - The Louisiana Purchase from France doubled the size of America.

.....Noteworthy:

There were 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence - 10 signers were not born in America - Benjamin Franklin was the oldest signee at 70 years of age.

The “famous” Liberty Bell never rang on July 4, 1776. It was already cracked and could not be repaired.

Beginning in the 1600’s, and onward into the 1700’s and 1800’s, immigrants arrived on the American shores seeking a better life, free from oppression and governmental control. Their children were the first-born Americans.

Thomas Jefferson once wrote: “When government is big enough to give you everything you want - it is also big enough to take it away!!!”



Lakeside Terrace's JULY 4th EVENTS:

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World War II: D-Day, 1944

-Rich McFadden

Along with celebrating our 250th anniversary of our war for independence, we are also recognizing the 82nd anniversary of D-day, June 6, 1944. It was the largest amphibious naval assault in world military history. It was conducted by American and Allied forces on the Normandy beaches of France against the German army. It should be noted that there are still thousands of Allied troops listed as missing-in-action (MIA).

Known as Operation Overlord, the assault involved 160,000 Allied soldiers and sailors - 5,000 ships and landing craft - 113,000 aircraft/bombers - 50,000 trucks, tanks, jeeps, etc. -and thousands of paratroopers who landed behind German lines. By the end of the initial Allied invasion, 10,000 Allied soldiers were killed, wounded, or missing in action. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) is continuing efforts to find MIA soldiers and sailors from World War II.

D-Day was the most decisive Allied battle in the war with Germany, eventually liberating France. One Million Allied troops continued to drive Hitler's armies back into Germany. With pressure from Russian armies as well, Germany surrendered in May of 1945.

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...Lakeside Terrace HOA & FMO continued from p. 5

As most everyone knows, we communicate using Facebook, Email, and the *Seagull*. If you are not on Facebook, do not have an email address, and would like to receive a hard copy of my communications, please get a message to me and I will do the best I can 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.

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.

If anyone has any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

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Happy Birthday!

Debbie Boyd, Joy Clody, Kim Desrochers, Sierra Dreyer, Terri Ellis, Richard Foster, Marie Griffin, Martha Grove, Traci Joslyn, Betty King, Judy Laqualia, Deb Ludwig, Don Paquette, Mel Porritt, Dawn Reed, Gary Serdar, Jerry Stodola, Greg Van Ocker, Patti & Wally Voelker, & Terry Walker.

Happy Anniversary!

George & Joy Clody, Elyse & Hans Coffey, Bob & Donna Covell, & Betty & Ed King.



LEFT:
Kathy Craft

RIGHT:
John Aitken,
Kelly Veilleux
(one of
Kathy's
daughters),
and Annie at
the Memorial
Day Picnic



In Memoriam: Kathy Craft

[Abridged. Her full obituary may be viewed at <https://www.funeralfolio.com/obit/kathy-atkins-craft-8nj7>]

Kathleen (Atkins) Craft, Jan. 11, 1942 - May 29th, 2026. It's not the bookends of one's life that matter in the end, but how they lived between those two dates. It's the "dash" that counts. Kathy's "dash" was marked by faith, love, service, perseverance, and devotion to God and family.

Born in Oroville, California, Kathy raised her children and lived throughout CA, Idaho, and Washington. She worked in a variety of fields in food service, offices, and schools before eventually retiring to Florida in 2015 with her late husband, Marty.

Kathy found great joy in spending time with her immediate and extended family, volunteering at church, tending to her beautiful gardens, cooking delicious meals, and caring for her beloved teacup poodle, Annie, who brought her much companionship and happiness.

Wherever life led her, she always created a warm and welcoming home, touching the lives of many through her kind spirit. Kathy was a woman marked by deep faith and trust in God. She leaves behind a beautiful legacy of faith, love, strength, and devotion that will continue to inspire all who knew and loved her. Kathy will be dearly missed by her three daughters: Debbie Craft, Kelly Veilleux, and Kim Bryan (and husband Don). Though quiet and gentle in spirit, her influence made a lasting impact on her large and loving family. While our hearts grieve her absence, we are deeply thankful for the blessed hope we have in Jesus.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in the beautiful Pioneer Cemetery in Nimshew, California.

Seagull contributions (writing and photos) are welcome. Deadline: 10th of the prior month. Send items to Guest Editor Donna Johnson at djwj23@gmail.com. My phone # is (802) 258 - 1865.

Lakeside Terrace Office

Property Manager.....Malinda Brown
Office Hours.....M - F.....8 AM - 5 PM
.....352 - 326 - 9455
Emergency ONLY.....352 -932 - 3373
Lakeside Terrace is in an unincorporated
area of Lake County.
Mail Delivery...Fruitland Park, FL...34731

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Community Assistance Fund

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

Additional help with rent can be found through the LST Office. See Park Manager Malinda Brown for more information.

Rent / Utility Assistance Programs

Lake Community Action Agency
1010 North Blvd East, Leesburg, FL 34748
.....Mondays..... 9 AM - 1 PM
Salvation Army of Lake and Sumter Counties
2605 South Street, Leesburg, FL 34748
.....M - F.....8 AM - 4:30 PM

Web Page www.lakesideterrace.net
Activities, photos, and full-color *Seagull* newsletter **online**. Electronic *Seagulls* are also available via **email**. Please send your name and email address to Webmaster Rich Aniol at LTSeagull@aol.com.

Closest Hurricane Shelters

Primary:

Leesburg HS 1401 Yellow Jacket Way

Special Needs AND Pet Friendly:

Leesburg Elementary Sch. 2229 South St.

Utilities

FL Governmental Utility Authority Water / Sewer.....M - F.....8 AM - 5 PM
www.fgua.com.....352 - 633 - 9700
Leesburg Electric Department Customer Service.....M - F.....8 AM - 4:30 PM
.....352 - 728 - 9800
Emergency / Outage.....24/7
.....(833) 223-1313

Non - Emergency Law Enforcement

Lake County Sheriff352 - 343 - 2101
Sheriff's "Senior Watch" Daily Check-ins
.....352 - 343 - 2101
Sheriff's Info Desk.....352 - 343 - 9500

Help with food, rent,+ utilities: www.findhelp.org.

Food Assistance Programs

Benevolence Center / Christian Care Center
118 North 14th St, Leesburg, FL 34748
.....M thru F.....9 AM - 11 AM
Beyond the Walls Food Pantry
609 W Berckman St, Fruitland Park, FL 34731
.....M - W - Th.....9 AM - 11:30 AM
Joining Hands Food Ministry
130 S Lone Oak Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748
.....Fridays.....8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Leesburg Food Bank
503 N 13th St, Leesburg, FL 34748
.....M - W - Th.....8:30 AM - NOON
Life Church Assembly of God Food Pantry
4001 Picciola Rd, Fruitland Park, FL 34731
.....M + Th.....10 AM - NOON



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needs one or two **new EDITORS** (either one full-year editor, or two who do 6 months each). If you have any type of computer skills and an eye for detail, we can use your help. The job duties are **editing** and compiling articles, photos, and other information for the monthly community newsletter. Editors can be any full-time or part-time resident. Our Guest Editor, Donna Johnson, is available to train anyone interested in this volunteer job. Please contact any Social Club Officer for more information.



YOU'VE WON BIG.

Lucky You! This Certificate is Good For A
Cruise For Two, Up To 9 Days.

BINGO



Dee Walker played
Bingo on a cruise,
and won.....
another cruise!

Best wishes to
Carol Roberts,
who has moved back north.