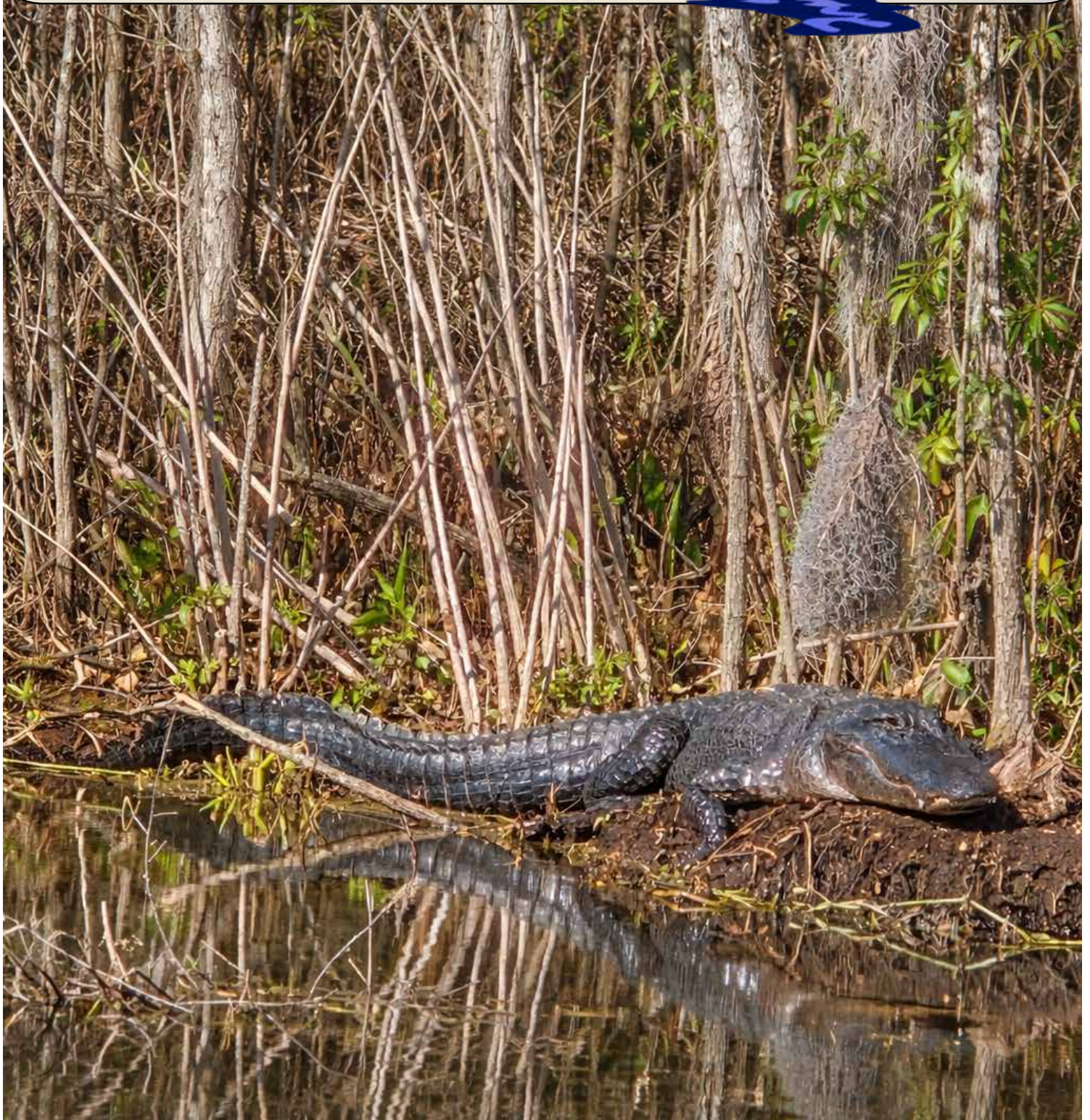


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Community Calendar

Social Club Meeting

March 3 4 PM @ Marina

Second Sunday

March 8 Lady Lake United Methodist Church
meet @ 9:30, Mailboxes at Lakeview Bend

Ladies Luncheon

March 12 1 PM

McCracken's

719 W. Main St. Leesburg



Book Club

March 13 2 PM

@ Fruitland Park Library

Activities Update

Weekly:

- **Water Aerobics** M/W/F 10 AM
(when outside temperature is 70 or more)
- **Line Dancing** Tuesday 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
- **Pennies** Thursdays 6 PM
Don and Deb Boyd's @ 87 lake Griffin
- **"Mexican Train"** Dominoes
Saturdays 1 PM
Will and Donna Johnson's @ 63 Eden

Monthly:

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

Social Club News

March Madness

Linda Greer, Social Club President

Dearest Gentle Readers,

Hopefully everyone is reading this issue sitting in the sun, and the temperature is at least 70 degrees. Our dedicated walkers, wrapped up in layers of clothes, have been an inspiration to many of us. This writer looks at the thermometer, wraps her robe a little tighter, and grabs another cup of coffee.

Water Aerobics Mermaids sincerely tried to hold class one morning. Three brave ladies only made to the second step of the pool, moved to the hot tub, and completed an extensive vocal cord workout. Water Aerobics is a great way to stretch and strengthen legs, hips, and arms. The social aspect is pretty good too. These mermaids are also known for breaking out in song on a regular basis.

Join us on Mon-Wed-Friday at 10:00 when the outside temperature is 70 degrees or more.

Pool noodle workouts will return in April.

Book Club has found a new temporary home. These readers meet at the

Fruitland Park Library on the second Friday of each month. All are welcome. This writer enjoys reading a wide variety of books she might not otherwise consider.

Line Dancing has been observed in one resident's driveway on Clubhouse. All skill levels are welcome to join each Tuesday at 1:00.

Great way to get some exercise and have a few laughs.

Another group has formed in the community, calling themselves the Second Sunday Ladies of Faith. Starting in February, these ladies attend services at a different church each month. If you are interested in joining these ladies, see Sue McFadden for more information.

Nominations for new Vice President and Treasurer were announced at the Feb 3 meeting. It is with great excitement, this writer announces the following nominees: Doris Buyarski for Vice President and Lorri Rowe for Treasurer. A motion to accept these nominees will be made at the March Social Club meeting, so please be sure to attend so we have a quorum for the

vote. **The next meeting will be on March 3 at 4:00 at the Marina.** Easter Community Event information will be announced soon. Watch for more information.

And yes, Gentle Readers, Season 4 of Bridgerton has been released, but only the first four episodes. The new season of Lincoln Lawyer is also available along with all eight seasons of Rizzoli and Isles. When it is 29 degrees outside in Florida, one must find amusement somewhere. Until next issue, stay warm!

Greetings From the HOA

Randy Ellis, HOA President

Legislative Update

On February 11, 2026, the Florida Senate passed Senate Bill 594 with a vote of 39-0. SB 594 will now be sent to the Florida House where it will be placed on the House Calendar with the House companion bill HB 267. If HB 267 passes with identical language to SB 594, (and the wording appears to be the same,) the measure will move to the governor's desk for approval. Both bills provide for rental assistance to mobile home owners and for funds for rehab and emergency repair.

FMO will continue to follow the progress.

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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Let's All Save Money

Mavis Larmay

The State of Florida tried three times since 2019 to add their sales tax on to our monthly lot rent.

All three times, it was defeated by the FMO.

The Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida (FMO) is our mobile home defense system or protection. Attorney Nancy Black Stewart is employed by FMO to report the any bills from Tallahassee that concern or affect mobile home owners. FMO's Political Action Committee (PAC,) along with the Board of Directors, then reviews any proposed legislation. We need this to continue; without this oversight the state will charge us more, as they see fit.

FMO of Florida began in 1962. Here is a small part of what they have accomplished since then:

- • Lobbied for the continuation of the Mobile Home Tie-Down program for the past ten years. The governor has supported an additional \$7 million for the program this year.
- • Created the Consolidated Legal Fund to allow member HOAs to apply for grants to help fund litigation.
- • Offers educational seminars, including training of HOA Board Members.
- • Held a successful 2025 FMO State Assembly, attended by Florida Senators and Representatives, focused on Tie Down extensions, property tax relief and Homestead Exemptions.
- • Holds District meetings every month, open to all members, with lunch and a Door Prize.

The FMO has reworked its website to make it more informative and easily available to all readers. Let's all join the FMO and attend the District 3 meetings.

visit the website: <https://www.fmo.org/> Or contact Randy Ellis 508-697-8745

Manager's Corner

Malinda Brown, Community Manager

We are getting closer to our Annual Spring Dinner. Remember, this year, we are doing a food truck, serving a pasta dinner.

We will also have a drink and a dessert for you. If you haven't signed up for your meal tickets, please do so. Sign-ups will end on March 6th to ensure with our vendor our meal count. On Wednesday, March 18th, from 12-2pm, we will have a table set up outside of the clubhouse to pick up your tickets from and take to the food truck to get your meal. We also will have a table where drinks and desserts will be served. You must have a ticket to get a meal, so PLEASE don't forget to sign up.

Everyone should have received their COMPLETED 360 Inspection form by now. If you have not, please let us know. These are very important, as every home in our community should be prospectus compliant. The deadline to have your corrections made is April 30th. If for some reason you cannot complete these items by the deadline, please get hold of us to request an extension. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us. Thank you all for the hard work, effort, and pride you take in your residence and helping us maintain the value of our community.

The clubhouse renovation is coming along just fine. We have had many different crews working on different areas. After work is done, there is an inspection process that takes place before moving forward, and sometimes this takes time, and there is no presence of workers. I know some of you have expressed concern about when and how many are working. Please trust that the project is going smoothly, and we have no reason to believe at this time that our six-month closure will be extended in any form or fashion.

Let me remind all of you that there is NO PARKING ON THE GRASS. Your water lines are buried less than six inches deep and need to be protected from damage. Please adhere to the rule and avoid any unnecessary damage or interruption of you or your neighbor's water. I've seen this occurring lately and want to remind you again, before violations are given.

There is NO RESIDENT PARKING at the clubhouse either. Parking is currently limited due to the construction, and this has never been intended as your extra parking. If you do not have room in your driveway for your vehicle(s), please rent an RV storage spot. Thank you for your understanding and compliance.

March Birthdays

Rich Aniol, Don Boyd, Bob Covell,
Shirley Cruse, Lori Dashiell, Liz Dziedzic, Sue Furry,
Carol Hetherington, Jim Holthus,
George Kelley, Rick Kinser, Kathy Kowalski,
Don Makowski, Cheryl Miller, Ann Reeves,
Buck_Ross, Kelly Veilleux, Nancy Vollmer.

March Anniversaries

June and Skip VanAmberg

Ready for Some Gambling? Try Euchre!

For a \$.50 buy-in, you can win
Euchre money at Jean Cherovsky's
@ 48 Eden

Three tables are currently active, and a fourth is available for a maximum of sixteen players. More players = more prize money.

First Place Winner last week George Stodola. Out of ten players, Rusty Snyder, Barb Stodola, and Darlene Stodola also took home some prize money.

Contact Jean at 920-255-0761

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Declaration of Independence W-W-W-Winter . . .

250th Anniversary

Part I – The Prelude to War – 1775

Rich Mc Fadden

- By 1775, Great Britain Was the most powerful nation in the world. Through its trading empire, the British developed the most extensive navy and the world's best trained army that withstood several wars with France and Spain.
- With continued unrest between the colonists and Great Britain, skirmishes occurred with British regulars at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775—known as the “Shot Heard Round the World.” Over a dozen of the colonial militia were killed or wounded, and several British regulars, as well. The British eventually retreated to bostoin.
- The Battle of Bunker Hill ensued on June 17, 1775; it was the first true engagement of the two armies—the Continental Militia and the British Regulars. Both armies amassed about 2000 troops each, but the Militia had prepared bunkers and redoubts on the high ground of Breed's Hill. After repeated attacks by the British, the Militia retreated in good order. Having left over 1000 dead and wounded Regulars. In effect, the battle ended a draw.
- After this early battle, the Continental Army was formally established, and on July 3, 1775, General George Washington was appointed Commander-in-Chief.

1776 Points of Interest

- 13 United Colonies, Population – 2.5 million
- Average Family Size – 6
- Average Lifespan – 35 years
- Average Annual Income – \$65 dollars
- Average Tax Burden – 1.5%
- Most Common Employment – Farmer
- Poverty Rate – 90%
- Size of Military – 48,000 Soldiers
- Most Famous Citizens – Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington
- Most Common Cause of Death – Smallpox
- Miles of Paved Roads – 3,000
- Most Common Capital Punishment – Hanging
- Most Popular Sport – Horse Racing
- Largest Cities – Philadelphia and New York

Staff

And—WOW—for a lot of us, January was a surprise! With fifteen years under my belt, I've not spent such a long and cold winter in CenFlo. Only the really old-timers knew what a bee-yotch Florida could be: record lows included Miami at 35 degrees, Orlando at 24 degrees, and Leesburg at 23 degrees. 23 breaks the daily record low and the all-time February low temp.

In January's issue, we read the winter predictions for Central Florida, with NOAA predicting warmer and drier while the Farmers' Almanac predicted colder and wetter. It turns out, they were both correct. While January started off warm, it ended as the most unseasonably cold January in over fifteen years; Point to the Old Farmers' Almanac. On the other hand, I kept my irrigation running three days a week; Point to NOAA. So it's a tie, except for the losers in my yard.

I thought I might have to cover some delicate plants, but covering just wasn't enough. Not only did I lose all three stands of Macho ferns, my queen palm and my roebellini took a major hit—every roebellini frond is brown. The mini avocado looks like a mini avocadon't. The plumeria were covered, but every one has cold damage that has to be trimmed; luckily, their roots are okay. Plants I never worried about before are at death's door—bougainvillea, staghorn ferns, butterfly bush, hibiscus, croton, bromeliads. It's apocalyptic at 54 Lake Griffin! Perhaps saddest of all, orchids that were inside on “Theo's Porch,” are in desperate shape—leaves limp and pale, flowers dead and dropping.

Now, it's mostly a waiting game to see which plantings recover. Florida gardening wisdom says don't be too quick to prune and trash. By spring, we should see the survivors put out new growth. Cold it may be, but the tropical sun never lets us down.

Lowes and other plant purveyors may be celebrating. Look for me in the garden section.

<https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/putnamco/2026/02/03/florida-freeze-plant-care-practical-steps-after-a-freeze/>

Around the Community—amid winter devastation, some progress

The pool and hot tub have been renovated and are open for use. Leaks were repaired, bottom and walls resurfaced, and new handrails installed at entrances to both amenities. Work continues on the outside and inside of the clubhouse building.

below- Taken from the clubhouse back deck, a day view of the refurbished pool also captures the new lettering in the shallow end. Tables, lounges, and umbrellas were replaced several seasons ago.

inset- The pool lit up at night.

right – The completed back wall of the clubhouse.



Almost nothing escaped January's cold

clockwise below- avocado tree, Norfolk Island pine, ponytail palms, roebellini palms, cactus.



Second Sundays

Carol Roberts

In a culture where differences and beliefs have become political weapons, it's no surprise that we seek connection and hope. The Second Sunday Ladies of Faith is a small group who are connecting difference and belief by together attending a different church once a month.

According to organizer Sue McFadden, "Our goal is to learn more about other faiths and hear different sermons preached. If one person in our group finds a church or a message that lights a fire in them, we've accomplished our goal." "All are welcome," Sue adds.

If you are interested in expanding your knowledge and sharing a couple hours with friends, reach out to Sue or one of the other contact persons. The group meets at the mailboxes at the Lakeview Bend (where the street curves past the Greer's house.)

Date	Church	Times	Contact
2/8/26	St James Episcopal 204 Lee St, Leesburg	Leave 9:45 Service 10:15	Suzy Greenwood 352-552-2270
3/8/26	Lady Lake United Methodist Church 109 W McClendon St, Lady Lake	Leave 9:30 Service 10:00	Sandi Jische 585-919-4219
4/12/26	North Lake Presbyterian Church 975b Rolling Acres Rd, Lady Lake	Leave 9:00 Service 9:30	Martha Grove 352-973-9731
5/3/26	Universal Unitarian Congregation 1235 Mt Homer Rd, Eustis	Leave 10:45 Service 11:30	Dawn Reed 352-210-3133
6/14/26	Northside Christian Church 3115 Eagles Nest Rd, Fruitland Park	Leave 9:30 Service 10:00	Kim Thurman 937-581-0089
7/12/26	Saint Paul Catholic Church 1330 Sunshine Ave, Leesburg	Leave 10:30 Service 11:00	Sue McFadden 352-874-1318 Karen Keenan 352-460-2179

Sunday Ladies

back-
Martha Grove
row 2-
Sue Furry,
Kim Thurman
row 3- Kim Mitchell,
Karen Keenan,
Suzy Greenwood
front-
Lorri Rowe,
Sue McFadden



SALT Update

Liz Dziedzic, SALT Outreach Assistant

It's been an amazing fifteen months watching the Lake County S.A.L.T. Shower Trailer Ministry grow and prosper. Since its inception on November 10, 2024, the Lake County Shower Trailer has provided approximately 2,300 showers to our guests, along with new socks and underwear, toiletries, fresh towels, and always a helping hand, a shoulder to cry on, hugs, and prayers to help us all get closer to God. God can help any situation, if you ask for His help.

Our ministry cannot thank you guys enough. I'm talking about the Lakeside Terrace family and friends who have so generously donated to the operating expenses and supplies: travel toiletries, shampoo and body wash, wipes, laundry detergent and bleach. You also jumped on board and donated warm clothing, gloves, hats, and blankets when the weather was frigid and you were thinking of our friends sleeping outside in the elements. And this especially challenging winter, we have been fortunate to acquire our own fire pit for additional warmth at our shower sites.

We are blessed to have wonderful volunteers from Lakeside Terrace who help with the towel laundry, bake muffins for our guests on Mondays and Fridays, and come to our shower trailer locations to serve our guests at our fabulous set ups. We have also been blessed by a few ladies from other ministries who bring a hot lunch for our guests to enjoy following the awesome hot shower. It's a sight to be seen!

*To volunteer or donate in any capacity:
contact Liz Dziedzic (352) 805-4467*



Feeding the Homeless

Staff

For the past eighteen months, a group of Lakeside Terrace residents has partnered with Friends of the Homeless to provide nourishment to those living without shelter. On the fourth Monday of each month, founder Chrishada Harmon and volunteers deliver meals to as many Lake County locations as they can in the two or three hours available. LST's core of volunteers donates the food and drink and prepares eighty sandwiches for distribution.

Friends of the Homeless is a 501 nonprofit organization that in a few short years has provided thousands of meals to the unsheltered, raised essential funds for local programs, and helped countless families rebuild their lives: over 50 local volunteers, 16 committed sponsors, more than 170 families helped, almost 2,800 meals provided.

Partnering with A Heart Heading Home, every third Sunday the group also provides A Day of Community Care—free hot meals, clothing, toiletries, hygiene items, and naran.

To volunteer or donate in any capacity, visit: <https://friendsofthehomeless.org/>

Psychology 101

Rich McFadden

- Usually you can tell from the storefront what the shop is all about—much like a facial expression or a look into the eyes. But window displays can be contrived, like a frozen smile that hides a sudden frown or the closing of the eyes so that you cannot see.
- We can't stop the storm of life, but often an umbrella is all the protection your need. And when you feel protected, try singing in the rain and dancing in the puddles. Change your heart and uplift your spirit; the sun will shine.
- The things that get the most use are also the most likely to breakdown. The same applies to your most common relationships. Maybe it's

time for some maintenance and loving care. A warm smile is a bridge to another's heart; an encouraging word may heal a wounded spirit.

- There does not have to be leaders and followers for a group of people to work in harmony and purpose. The group may form naturally with the chemistry that achieves the desired result.
- You may think some people lead secret lives. Truth be told, most people have secret wants and needs. When we only see others from a narrow point of view, there are always blind spots because our eyes are closed.
- It has been said that you can't teach an old dog new tricks. But sometimes a new dog can teach some old tricks. Jumping through hoops may lead to a leap of faith, but the old dog knows when his jumping days are over.
- Leadership isn't about always being first. It's about showing the way forward. Take the lead down a righteous path and other will follow.

What to Do When the Weather Is a Don't

What to Read

A Little Life -Hanya Yanagihara

follows four men, college classmates, as they move to New York City in search of fame and fortune.

All the Light We Cannot See -Anthony Doerr

a blind French girl and a German boy meet in occupied France and try to survive World War II.

What to Watch

Bridgerton – Lady Whistledown and the most recent four episodes dropped on Netflix.

Game of Thrones – if you missed it, binge the adaptation of George RR Martin's novels on HBO Max.

Where to Dine

Frank's Rack and Grill – formerly Frank's Place; owned by LST renovators Thomas and Shenae Pulliam.

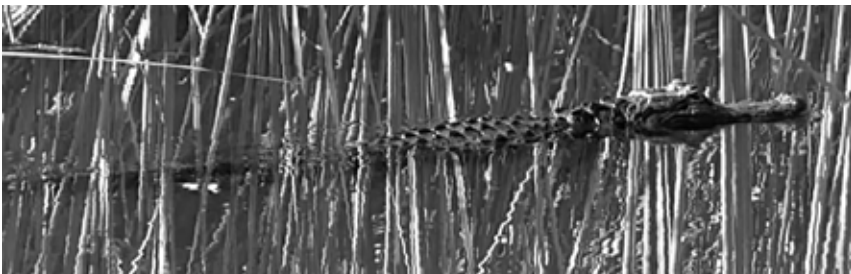
Los Reyes – in the old Legends location; good Mexican, very friendly service.

Meanwhile

Out in Nature

Egret courtship involves elaborate, graceful displays where males build nesting platforms and attract females by showing off vibrant green facial skin and long, delicate, lacy, nuptial plumes called aigrettes. The male performs a "stretch display," snapping his neck back and up to highlight his breeding plumage and attract a mate.

Photos below by Susan Vowels



Warming Up

In our "worst winter in over a decade," our alligators became sluggish and entered brumation. In freezing conditions, they use "snorkeling," with only their snouts above water.

photo by Tonya Lawhorn



photos above by Elyse Coffey's birdcam

Northern Cardinal pairs are known for their strong, often lifelong, monogamous bonds, remaining together year-round and frequently foraging, feeding, and nesting as a pair. Males (bright red) and females (soft brown/red) display courtship behaviors like "mate feeding," the male passing seeds to the female.



The Snow Moon

February's full moon, reached peak illumination on February 1, 2026.

photo by Rick Kulp

Ladies of Leisure Luncheons

Organized by Sue Furry, all women residents are invited to meet for lunch once a month at various local restaurants. It's a great time to meet up with friends and get to know your neighbors. Groups meet on the second Thursday of each month, from October through May. Sue posts the details in the *Seagull* and on our Facebook page, where you can sign up in the comments. For more information, call Sue at 574-298-0987, or stop by 37 Lakeview.

February at iBarbeque

pictured clockwise from top- Sue McFadden, Kim Thurman, Terri Ellis, Deb Ludwig, Sue Furry, Betty Fleming, Marg Bresinski, Carol Bechler.



above- Ruth Bernier and her sister Mary Eklund.
left- Teri Schutz, Martha Grove, Joanne Speas.



above- Diane Walker, Barb Stodola, June Jourden, Suzy Greenwood, Karen Keenan, Shirley Smith.



above- Jean Cherovsky, Linda Wolosyn, Nancy Vollmer.

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 www.fgua.com.....352 - 633 - 9700

Leesburg Electric Dept.
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 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
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CORRECTION: On page 12 of the February issue, Kim Mitchell was misidentified as Tonya Lawhorn.

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.