

The Seagull

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Community Calendar

Ladies Luncheon

May 7 1 PM

@ Luna Azul



Book Club

May 8 2 PM

@ Fruitland Park Library

Second Sunday

May 17

meet 10:45 AM, Mailboxes @ Lakeview

Social Club News

Linda Greer, Social Club President

April Showers Have Arrived!!

We finally had some rain fall in our community but not nearly enough to get us out of the drought. The first quarter of 2026 shows Lake County is 4.45 inches of rain below normal. One of our boaters reported Lake Griffin has dropped significantly, making it more difficult to get in and out of their boat. Per the Lake County website, water restrictions are in place.

Landscape watering is limited to two days per week, and only as needed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to minimize evaporation.

This time of year, the park gets pretty quiet, but the fun doesn't stop. Some people have already started shopping for more powerful water guns. Please keep the Seagull advised of any activities happening over the summer months, including any changes in time or location.

Easter Sunday's Ice Cream Social was well attended. Ninety-four residents and guests enjoyed a cool treat on the north side of the clubhouse. The April Yard Sale at the Gardenia was another huge success. We made \$565 from all the donated items. The jewelry donation was a big part of this amount. Thank you to everyone who donated, helped price/set up, and cleaned up.

The next **Ladies Luncheon will be on May 7th at Luna Azul**. Thank you Sue Furry for setting up each of these events. Starting in June, Regina Filbert will be announcing the

location of the Guys & Gals Luncheon.

The Social Club will be hosting a Memorial Day Cookout on May 25. The location will be determined as the date gets closer. Watch for announcements and a sign-up location in the kiosks and on Facebook.

July 4th will be a very special celebration for our country. It is the 250th anniversary of our independence from England. The Social Club Officers have planned a couple of fun events for the day.

1. Torch Relay Around the Community

– Sign up to represent one or two of the states in the Union. Individuals will walk, jog, or roll 250 ft with a “torch” and then pass it to the next person. Costumes are encouraged. And yes, the state of Georgia has already been claimed.

2. Create a Anniversary US Flag

–Make a flag or picture of a flag to celebrate the 250th anniversary. The flag must have the colors red, white, and blue in it somewhere. Be creative; the flag can be fabric, wood, macaroni, water/oil paint, etc. All entries must be received by the Social Club no later than 5:00 pm on July 3. Snowbirds can mail in entries if interested. Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place entries.

3. BBQ Cookout Meal

4. July 4th Trivia Competition

5. Patriotic Golf Cart Parade at Sunset

Show off those lights! Watch for more information in the months to come.

We made it through last year with no hurricanes. We are not likely to be that fortunate this year. Be prepared well ahead of time. Stock up on bottled water, batteries, candles, non-perishable food. When the storms are first announced, take the time to bring in those items that can fly away in high winds. **If you aren't sure if it will fly away, BRING IT IN.** In addition to losing power, our water can also be affected. If you have a bathtub, fill it up. This water can be used for flushing toilets, washing bodies and such.

Happy Mother's Day to all! Safe Travels to our Snowbirds. Until next month, Be Safe, Be Healthy, Be Kind.

Activities Update

Weekly:

- **Water Aerobics w/ Peg** M/W/F 10 AM
(when outside temperature is 70 or more)
- **Pool Noodle Workout** Tu/Th 10 AM
- **Line Dancing** Tuesday 1 PM (outside)
Jan Lynch's @ 6 Clubhouse
- **Mah Jongg** Thursdays 1 PM
Will and Donna Johnson's @ 63 Eden
- **Mexican Train Dominoes**
Saturdays 1 PM
Will and Donna Johnson's @ 63 Eden

Monthly:

- **Book Club** 2nd Friday 2 PM
@ Fruitland Park library



Greetings from the HOA – FMO & PAC Committee:

Randy Ellis, HOA President

Clubhouse Renovation Project:

As I look at the building today, it appears the outside is nearing completion, with new windows and doors, and a fresh coat of paint.

The inside is well underway as well. Again, no exact timetable has been set for the Clubhouse reopening, but we are hoping for June.

HOA Update:

Unfortunately, the HOA has been unable to meet with Malinda due to her absence. We are trying to reach out to Kevin Boudreau.

When you receive this month's Seagull, you will also be receiving a copy of our new Park Directory. Please check it. If you do see an error, let me know, so I can correct the database for next year's edition.

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.

FMO/PAC Committee:

As I reported last month, HB 701 has passed, but is still waiting for the governor's signature. 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 are currently working on a reduction in limiting tax increases to our parks. Currently they (the county) can increase our pass thru tax up to a 10 percent increase, we are working on a 3 percent limitation.

We are also working on getting Florida residents that live in mobile home parks to be part of the Florida Homestead Act that would be able to cut out a substantial portion of our Pass Thru.

During a recent PAC Committee Meeting, concerns were brought up with 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, Florida will have a new governor, and this is when they try to sneak these bills in. I want to assure everyone, the FMO is working hard to prevent bills like this from passing. 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 or \$120 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, I will help you join.**

HOA communicates using Facebook, Email, and the Seagull. To set up a communications, please feel free to contact me anytime.

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Infrastructure Committee

Rich McFadden, Chair

End of year summary, 2025:

- Clubhouse is closed due to construction /renovation. Parking limited to west side of clubhouse (Eden Drive.)
- Renovation of pool and hot tub is ongoing.
- Maintenance person resigned at end of October.
- Better lighting is still needed in the park.

1st Quarter, 2026

- Focus on lighting
 - Streetlights on poles have been repaired.
 - Residents are recommended to install motion detecting lights on homes or carports.
- Streets
 - After infrastructure survey, a few stop signs were added.
 - Repaving of some streets is needed.
- Marina
 - New larger cleats are in place for boat tie-down.
 - Several docks remain closed with caution tape. Boards and railings need replacement.
 - Gas was siphoned from some boats. Residents recommended to consider locking gas caps.
- Maintenance
 - Tyler was hired as new maintenance person.
 - Palm trees around clubhouse and pool have been trimmed. Some still need work.
 - Snowbirds are reminded to arrange lawn maintenance during absences.
- Hurricane Season: Focus on removing lawn ornaments and lawn chairs, and declutter carports.

Note: Park manager Malinda Brown fell on property and was injured over a month ago; she has not returned as of March 31st.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- Jane Belanger, Skeeter Bryant, Nancy & Richard Byrd, Margaret Everson, Lance Jischke, Jerry Kowalski, Mavis Larmay, Dot Radnich, Anne Walker.

Declaration of Independence

250th Anniversary

Part III - “United We Stand . . . “

Rich McFadden

1776:

- In May of 1776, the Continental Congress received word that King George III had declared that all thirteen colonies were in a state of rebellion, and further ordered all colonial ports closed to commerce.

- After several port cities were bombarded by British warships, the King declared war on the the colonies, reinforcing British troops with Hessians, mercenaries contracted, or rented, from German princes.

- The Second Continental Congress had already begun an ongoing process to unite the thirteen colonies against British oppression and military attack. Eventually, the colonies were referred to as “the United States of America.”

The Birth of a Nation:

- Thomas Jefferson headed a five-man committee which developed and wrote the Declaration of Independence presented to the Continental Congress on June 28, 1776. It was tabled for further review pending the outcome of the July 1st vote by colonial representatives to unite—or not.

- Finally, the colonies voted to unites, and the Declaration of Independence was approved on July 4th, 1776. The document was ordered to be printed and distributed to each colony—to representatives and military commanders.



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- Darrell DiLuzio & Dianne Henry, Jim & Regina Filbert, Bill & Roni Kellerman, Rick & Sandi Kinser, Mike & Shirl Schmelzer, Kim & Paul Thurman, Pat & Wally Voelker.

OUT & ABOUT



Yalaha Bakery



Located about a half hour drive away, this old-world German bakery & restaurant turns out all kinds of breads, delicious pastries and pies, along with breakfast and lunch items like pretzels, quiches, sandwiches, salads, and soups. Much of the focus is on traditional German cooking, but there is definitely something for everyone.

The Biergarten patio offers lots of seating for al fresco dining, and on Saturdays and Sundays live musicians play at noon time. And definitely pet friendly!

**highly recommended by Hans and Elyse Coffey for its authentic German food and luscious pastries.*

Senior Adventures



Located in Lady Lake, Senior Adventures, Inc. was established in 2000 and is designed to provide low-cost, yet quality, Group Day Trips and Multi-day Trips.

above- Jane Belanger and Betty Fleming enjoy another day trip.



above and right- Karen at Magnolia Gardens, SC.

Karen Keenan and Mike Bernd travel frequently with Senior Adventures.



Rose Plantation

Twenty-three Ladies of Leisure enjoyed an April lunch at Rose Plantation Restaurant, located in Fruitland Park.



Beach Getaway at Destin

pictured l-r: Kim Thurman, Martha Grove, Rich McFadden, Sue McFadden, and Martha on the iconic boardwalk.



Located in northwest Florida, in the area known as the Panhandle, Destin is known for its Gulf beaches, many golf courses, as well as the Destin Harbor Boardwalk.



Ohio Vibes

DiLuzio Family Visit

pictured top right- Damon DiLuzio, Bill Wahl, Darrell. *near right-* Ed DiLuzio, Beverly DiLuzio, Dianne Henry and Darrell DiLuzio

Grandma Weekend

left- Kim Thurman and her grandson Henry at the Columbus Zoo.



Darrell's 68th bday rally



Royal Caribbean Cruise

Headquartered in Miami and sailing from both Miami and nearby Ft. Lauderdale, Royal Caribbean is the second largest cruise line operator.



Visiting Jamaica and Nassau, Bahamas

top right- Marge Bresinski, Carol Bechler, and Norm Johnson.

bottom right- Norm and Carol with Jim Holthus. *near right-* Jim and Donnie Shaw.



Around Home

An exciting perk of living where we do is our "view" of rocket launches from Cape Canaveral.

right- Tina Kickery and Sue Furry watch the Artemis II launch.

below- Watching Artemis from the Nature Walk are (on left) Mel and Deb Porritt, (on right) Steve and Nancy Hoover.



Above- Relaxing in the pool, Nancy Hoover enjoys her daughter's family.



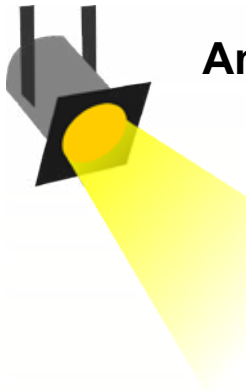
above- Steve and Nancy Hoover entertain their son's family with some reptile time.



Gatorland might as well be around home.

right- Tonya Lawhorn and her granddaughter.





Annual Shuffleboard Tournament and Cookout

Tonya Lawhorn and Jerry Kowalski share the honors in the final round. In the end, Tonya was the round winner.



Fruitland Park Community Yard Sale

After deciding several years ago to forgo the annual tag sale held in the clubhouse, the Social Club began searching for alternatives. A few attempts at a community-wide outdoor sale just did not fill the bill. The Fruitland Park Yard Sale, held every three months at the Gardenia Center has become the answer. April was the second participation for LST.



left- Officers Kim Thurman, Doris Buyarski, and Lorri Rowe work the sale.



The yard sale earned a good profit for future Social Club activities.

Around Home



Dinner with family or a game of Scrabble, plenty to do around home.
left- Sue Furry enjoys her daughter's family in Tavares.



Rusty Snyder cooks for some friends and neighbors.



The garden plots get numbers, thanks to Rusty Snyder.



The hatchlings are everywhere!



Second Sunday Ladies meet at a different church each month.
front- Karen Keenan, Sue Furry, Linda Greer, Lorri Rowe , Dawn Reed, Sue McFadden.
back- Doris Buyarski, Suzy Greenwood, Martha Grove, Betty Fleming, Kim Thurman



Darlene Stodola directs the Lake County Ladies Chorus at the Leesburg Library for a free concert.

Yards of the Month

The Yard of the Month is chosen at random from nominated properties.

To nominate your neighbor, call the office.



89 Lake Griffin



16 Lakewood



28 Driftwood



33 Lakewood



11 Lake Griffin



39 Lake Griffin



3 Lake Griffin



55 Wintergreen



60 Eden



64 Eden

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 Water / Sewer.....M – F...8 AM – 5 PM
 www.fgua.com.....352 - 633 - 9700

Leesburg Electric Dept.
 Customer Service.....352 - 728 – 9800
 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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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.