Lakeside Terrace, 24 Sunrise Lane, Fruitland Park, Fl 34731 November, 2020 www.lakesideterrace.net seagull_news@yahoo.com

Monday

WII Bowling 10 AM-12PM Bingo 1 PM-4 PM Water aerobics- on hold

Tuesday

Chair Yoga 8:00 AM Bid Euchre 2 PM–4PM

Wednesday Euchre 10 AM -12 PM Not your Grandma's Bingo 1:30 PM Water aerobics- on hold

Friday

Chair Yoga 8 AM Grandma's bingo 11 AM Book Club 1PM - 2PM (monthly, second Friday) Billiards 1PM-4PM

Sunday Euchre 10 AM– 12PM Billiards 1PM-4PM

Tuesday, December 1

Social club Meeting 4PM 38 Lakeview Dr Bring a chair

Thursday

Sewbirds 9AM-12 PM Shuffleboard 10 AM

Mark your calendars

Saturday, December 5

Golf cart parade Toys for kids Boat Flotilla



Managers Corner

Linda Neir, Community manager

What's up!

I know we all have a story to tell about the past 10 months. Things we planned, places we were going, people we were going to see, families we were going to visit, celebra-



tions we wanted to share, births, deaths and politics. Never thought I would use those words in the same sentence.

As all of you, I am tired, tired of the fear, tired of the endless fact-finding foolishness, tired of being afraid for our children and grandchildren, tired of being alone, tired of putting a mask on just to tell someone I love them and give them a hug if they let me. Tired of worrying about the future and ready to start living it. I am willing to wear a mask if that means I keep you safe.

Our losses this year have been enormous, I only pray each day our days begin to get better each and every day!

It has been a crazy time in a crazy world, but together let's make the best of it!

Welcome home to all your neighbors and friends. We are glad to see you and know that you are safe back at home.

Now on to business:

I have been asked about the deck off of the library. It is sectioned off with the same netting we have used before showing it is dangerous and you cannot go out there. It is going to be replaced sometime after the new year.

The bathroom outside is waiting for one more inspection before we can start using it and the code to get inside will be the same as the front door and back door to the clubhouse.

There are 3 at present projects scheduled for next year: to pave 3 roads, enlarge the lounging area to the pool and install a new commercial grade fence with an electric timed gate. All to happen next year. The kitchen had a partial rehab this year which was not expected but a welcomed project. The 2 new stoves and one range hood are expected to be delivery on 12/8/2020.

Masks must be always worn when entering the clubhouse and remain above the nose while inside the clubhouse.

②. Right now, the clubhouse is open from 8 am to 4 pm 7 days a week. Only 12 persons can be in the clubhouse at any given time. Only residents are allowed in the clubhouse or the pool area. The pool can only be utilized by 8 residents at any given time. We are in hopes as the winter residents return everyone is respectful of how many residents can be in the clubhouse or pool and find a way to allow other residents to enjoy what amenities are available to them.

Any activities changes must be approved through the office.

. We will be beginning hopefully our 360 inspections in December weather and staff permitting.

😫 .Keep 6' social distancing at all times. Wear a mask and protect each other.

I am sure the Social Club will be updating residents with any changes in the Thanksgiving or Christmas availability.

Remember:

- Watch your speed. ٠
- Pick up after your pets. ٠



ions and

- ELS just lifted the restrictions to evictions so look outside if you have stuff laying around in the back of the house or in the driveway/Let's get it cleaned up. I know we are in the middle of a pandemic but let's try to remain vigil to keeping our areas picked up, neat and clean.
- If you need help let us know.
- If you are alone and lonely, reach out and let someone know. The entire community is here for you!

We have a new maintenance person, his name is Tommy, and he has made a huge difference here at Lakeside Terrace, so everyone give him a big welcome.

There is so much I can say but I will leave it for next time. Glad to see everyone back home and everyone safe and sound and healthy! Everyone! Have a Happy Holiday!



Homeowners Association Robin Sexton, President

I apologize for not putting out a newsletter the last couple of months. Things have been busy and not busy and well frankly you get what you pay me for. Now that November is here our "Snow birds" have started their migration. Most if not all our Canadian flock are still in their Cana-"Fortresses of Solitude" and sounds like dian they will be there for a while. Some of our Wisconsin friends are heading south. Apparently since they can't attend Sunday service at the Lambeau Cathedral, there is no longer a reason to stay. There are also some that are remaining in their Northern homes to stay near family and familiar healthcare while we continue coping with this Covid virus. We have been fortunate here with verv few cases in the Park. Please let's keep it that way and practice "safe interpersonal contact". Yes, I know we are all tired of it, burned out, exhausted, angry, frustrated, etc. We all have our opinions about this but suffice it to say it can be dangerous, especially to some of our neighbors. The safety precautions are not so much to protect you but to protect the people around you. Your efforts to keep them comfortable and feeling safe are a really small price to pay. This Covid mess is also affecting some of us by not being as active and eating to much. According to my wife I am guilty of this. She has encouraged me to start watching what I eat and to reduce my caloric intake. I thought I would share a little technique that I started that I am very hopeful will be of real benefit. I am taking the lettuce, tomato, onion and pickles off my double bacon cheese burgers. Any reduction in calories! I will soon start taking the green peppers off my pizza. I encourage others to consider this. Speaking of Covid, we had a recent meeting with the Park Manager. Regarding several issues. She provided

the following information.

"The question as to the Covid guidelines has been raised not only to the HOA Board but to the Manager as well. Such as what guidelines, organizations etc. does ELS go by in the decisions being made which govern what Covid - 19 restrictions are being implemented at Lakeside Terrace? Yes, you do live in a privately owned park of which ELS are the owners. Their concern in this stressful period is for the residents' safety. They take many guidelines into consideration and implement their best policies to keep residents safe."

"Activities - Activities are scheduled by the Social Club. While being played within the clubhouse social distancing rules must apply. In the event an activity's participants cannot follow the distancing rules, either the game will have to be moved from the clubhouse to outside and or it will be canceled. New activities can be substituted within the social distancing rules."

I would like to add that Ms. Linda Neir has little input into what these guidelines are, they are a corporate decision. We also spoke to her about some of the potential changes /upgrades in the Park.

"Asset Management projects such as the replacement of the deck are controlled by ELS. Manager will share information as it is given. Capx projects for 2021 are the roads, enlargement of the pool surrounds and replacement to the fence around the pool area offering electric locking system".

The Pool bathroom opening is still "pending". Issues with contractors and inspections caused the delay. Covid has caused a lot of the problem. There was an incident where the bathroom fixtures were damaged. It happens, it is unfortunate. This is a good reminder to please use normal care, caution and awareness of your property and your neighbors.



Home / Property Inspections,

"The HOA has requested to accompany Management during their home inspections. At that time, the manager or representative will explain what they look for and how the 360 inspections work in connection with days given to comply and how follow up is handled. "

"Effective November 1, 2020 ELS lifted their restrictions on COVID - 19 evictions and rule violations and at present can continue following the rules and regulations of Lakeside Terrace.

Regarding the Rule violations that may need to be addressed, we asked Linda for a short list of the most common ones that she is finding and is aware of, I received this from her Monday. *"A few of the major violations are as follows:*

- A. Homes that require painting
- B. Pressure washing of driveways and homes
- C. Parking of any vehicle on the lawn
- D. Items being stored outside the home.
- E. Items on driveway and carport
- F. Signs in the yard
- G. Trees needing to be trimmed.

Rule violations are not subject to just the home. It can be having an unauthorized unapproved occupant in your home. It can be parking a RV, or Boat overnight in your driveway. Anything that violates the rules of the community. "

If you need a copy of the Rules please contact the HOA Board or the Mangers office.

The HOA Board is continuing its efforts to address its own issues regarding structure and By-Laws that have slipped past over the years. We did change the By-Laws to comply with current Florida statutes. However there are still deficiencies that need to be corrected. These issues pretty much require an entire rewrite of the By-Laws and a vote by the Park Membership to approve. The hiccup is because of Covid we can't

logistically have a meeting. An additional hurdle is the lack of many of our members being able to even make to it to Florida. Now there are a couple of ways that this could be corrected if we could change the DAMN By-laws. One issue we are dealing with is an accurate members roster. We provided forms to every home in our park last spring. To date we have only gotten about half back. This information is what we use to contact the members about issues. Half isn't enough. We did correct one hangup. Management was supposed to provide the form with information to New residents moving into the Park. This has not been done in the past. We obtained assurances that this will be implemented by Management in the future.

This is getting to be long and boring but I felt it was important to get the information out. I will repeat an old request. IF you know of any resident in the Park that is not getting these Newsletters please, please have them contact the Board. We want to add them to the list. Some of the forms we received in the beginning were difficult to read. I am not complaining, my wife writes everything for me that needs to be read by someone. I can only read my writing for about 60 days then even I can't read it anymore.

So in closing, Please wear your mask, wash your hands, maintain social distancing and try to wear clean underwear. Not sure why, but my mother used to always say that to me when I left the house. I guess she knew I was going to get into a lot of crap when I went out.

November Birthdays: Special birthday wishes to Rich Bolle, Ron Buyarski, Joel Carr, Randy Ellis, Joe Feltner, Jody Graham, Shirley Hassom, Marge Holthus, Steve Lanham, Kenny Ratcliff, Mike Schmelzer, Paul Valentino.



Social connections

Give Thanks

In 1849, a French philosopher wrote, "Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose " – the more things change, the more they stay the same. In a way, that could be our headline for the past summer at LST. Things that stayed the same: It was hot; it was humid. It was hotter; it was still humid. Plants, flowers, and grass grew as if it were the tropics. Alligators roared their mating calls, and frogs and cicadas sang. Tropical depressions, tropical storms, and hurricanes spun off Africa and headed across the north Atlantic. We stayed inside; the AC hummed. Lake county sprayed the mosquitos. Evenings were buggy, but the sunsets were glorious. Every sunrise was a new day in paradise.

didn't Things that stay the same: The world-wide pandemic affected our day-today. Trips to Publix, Aldi, Walmart, and Target were fewer. Groceries were delivered; "add to cart" became a byword. Several-times-a-day Fed -Ex and Amazon deliveries drove dogs insane. Take-out was more popular than Going Out, and Door Dashers became our friends. Trips to the Villages' Squares were curtailed, and a few drinks with friends became a risky business. If you moved into LST over the summer, you probably won't recognize your neighbors without masks. if that their ever occurs. In March, our Clubhouse, the center of our gatherings and activities, was closed and later reopened only to limited activities. Access to our pool, a source of exercise for many, was also limited. In mid-May, the pool was re-opened with bi-hourly sanitizing and social distancing for two-hour sessions. By mid-June, regularly scheduled programming came back on line, and

bowling, cards, bingo, sewing, book club, and billiards returned to our agenda. Social Club, along with Linda and Nina, devised a safe schedule for our usual pastimes. The kitchen remained closed, so traditional celebrations could not be held. But on the upside, the kitchen remodel progressed smoothly and is on track to be complete with the delivery of two early December. ranges in We missed everyone's birthday; Fourth of July meant televised fireworks on-your-own, and the Labor Day cook-out was put on hold-it was just too hot with no place to cool off. Social Club was able to put on a cookout for Memorial Day, although it was kind of a drive-through, walk-through affair. We held outdoor Social Club meetings, and will continue to do so. And by October, we had a groove going. Our usual clubhouse events have been re-booted to suit an outdoor location as much as possible. Hal**loween** was a nice "picnic" with great prizes for clever and fun costumes. Martha and Laura en-

gineered a way to thank our veterans on Veterans' Day. Your own private family-and-close-friends gatherings will have to suffice this Thanksgiving, but



we will give you some raffle prizes. What Santa brings is on the radar, and we hope to provide some **Christmas Cheer on December 5**, with our Golf Cart Parade and Boat Flotilla. Toys for Kids donations are scheduled for that event, as well. Certainly, more winter activities will be in the works.

Social Club brainstormed daily for ways to provide the events and activities we are used to attending. Generous support from **Linda, Tommy, and Nina** boosted our successful events, but Nina has left for a more flexible position that will allow her and Danny to enjoy well-deserved time traveling together. We miss her already!



As always, **upcoming events are posted in the kiosks**, on the calendar in the clubhouse (if we have access to it,) **and on our Facebook pages**. Any new residents who would like to join the FB groups can contact Carol Roberts @ (937) 409 2844.

Membership in the Social Club is \$12 per person, per year. When a world wide pandemic doesn't slow us down, our dues help fund activities, entertainment, and services to everyone in the community—providing coffee and kitchen supplies year round, sponsoring free holiday dinners at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, and organizing a Birthday Bash each month for those celebrating birthdays. Traditional Social Club activities and parties also include New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day, April Fool's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Halloween, and Verterans' Day.

We are so happy to see you all back in our neck of the woods. Looking forward to a fulfilling although challenging—season! All residents are invited to attend our meetings; please invite your neighbors to join you! Please make sure you make it to the Social club meeting!!! We need you, we will need a quorum in order to vote on some exciting Christmas ideas. Tuesday Dec. 1st. 4 pm 38 Lakeview Dr. Bring a chair..

LST Social Club

Carol Roberts, president (937) 409 2844 Laura Erwin, vice-president (678) 373 8545 Deborah Brown, secretary (614) 980 9921 Ron Grove, treasurer (229) 869 3439 Martha Grove, past-president(352) 973 9731

Please note: Drop boxes for rent payments are no longer available at the office as personnel are not always available to receive and credit your payments. To avoid late charges it is recommended you use electronic transfer or mail it in. See Linda if unsure of this procedure. (Do not slide payment under the door.)

Christmas Cheer



On Saturday, December 5 we will

By Martha Grove

have an evening of fun based around our Sally Cannon Toys for Kids. Starting at 4:30 we will have cup cakes and punch at the park by the

launch ramp. Darrell will have his truck parked at Kelly's for you to drop off your toys. Surely this year there will be a huge need so please be your



generous selves! Carts should form up there for a parade. We will put numbers on them so you can vote for the best and they will receive a \$25 gift card. Joanne will be collecting votes (just write the cart number on a piece of paper) until 5:30. You can watch the parade from home, mark your ballot, then drive down, drop off the vote and toy and get a cup cake and glass of punch. You can hang around for the boat parade at 6 when you can vote for the best decorated boat which will also receive a \$25 gift card. Boat voting will be the same:

> they will be numbered and you just write your number on a slip of paper and give it to Joanne. Votes will be accepted until 6:30. We hope to have Christmas carols playing so you can sing along while watching all the parad-

ing fun. See you the 5th!

November anniversaries: Anniversary toasts to: Phil & Millie Banfill; Richard & Maryanna Foster; Deborah and Bob McDermott, Buck & Judy Ross, George & Carolyn Thompson, George & Phyllis Mosher;









Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida By Ron Grove

I have taken a much more active role in FMO this year. Besides being your park representative and assistant treasurer for District 3 (or area, Lake county) in the spring I became a Director of the state organization, a member of the political advocacy committee and this week will become chairman of the by-laws committee. It's been interesting!

First I would like to remind you of what the FMO is about:

The FMO is an organization in the State of Florida that monitors and advocates for the rights and interests of manufactured homeowners living on leased land. Through FMOs involvement, the Florida Manufactured Home Act (Florida Statute 723) was drafted and enacted in 1984. It addresses the relationship between the park owner and homeowners of manufactured homes on leased land. The Florida Legislators recognized that manufactured homeowners AND park owners both have certain basic rights that must be protected. The FMO and FMHA (parks owners) frequently submit changes to FS 723. FMO has had a huge impact on proposed legislation by opposing harmful proposed changes through negotiations. A key point from last year that got removed was a requirement that an owner selling their home must bring it up to code before selling it. That could hurt some folks very badly! The most recent direct financial impact for all of us was defeating adding sales tax to our rents and an amendment that would allow commercial property taxes to increase faster – impacting what would be passed through to us. In the last election we surveyed every candidate to find and endorse those that are favorable to our life style and it helped a lot. Our local endorsed candidate was Brett Hage and he won handily – thanks!

FMO exists through membership. We need you to join! It's only \$25 per year or \$65 for 3 years. There's only 1 full time employee and 2 part timers in the office. All others are volunteers. There is also our legal counsel (Lee Colling) and a lobbyist (Nancy Stewart). Both long time, hard working advocates for us. There is also the web site and a magazine. Please join! You can join on line – FMO.ORG – or stop by and fill out an application that I will send in for you. Don't hesitate to ask any questions.

Ron Grove, 38 Lakeview Dr. 352 801-7919

Chair Yoga

Barb Stodola

We will begin chair yoga again on Tuesdays (November 24th.)and Fridays at 8 AM.

One of the biggest concerns among aging men and women is the fear of falling. Chair yoga, or "yoga while seated," allows anyone to experience all of the benefits of an exercise program without being afraid. Chair Yoga incorporates all of the benefits of yoga-

•A healthier, stronger and more relaxed you •Improved flexibility

•A great sense of calm and well-being •increased oxygen intake

No getting down on the floor, no 'pretzel' poses. Just increased flexibility, mobility, and relaxation. Feel free to join us. There is plenty of room to keep social distance. Masks are required.



ookClub **By Carol Roberts**

It's been all about Covid19—except in our imaginations! While the pandemic put libraries out of commission for a few weeks, it didn't take long for the "**Better Than Therapy Book Club**" readers to return to their list of titles. We had chosen some personal favorites for the summer, so the April closing did not affect us too greatly. Suggestions included **The Rosie Project** (Carol



Roberts,) **book one of a comedy trilogy** by Graeme Simsion. The novels trace the wacky love story between Rosie Jarman, a barmaid who is searching for her biological father,

and Don Tillman an obsessive-compulsive yet brilliant scientist who is searching for a wife. As they collaborate on both "The Father Project"

and "The Wife Project," they fall in love. *The Pecan Man*, suggested by Kim DesRochers, has been described as *To Kill a Mockingbird* **meets** *The Help*. Set in 1976 Florida, a homeless black man is ac-



cused of a murder he didn't commit while the real perpetrator leaves town only to be killed in a car accident. Those who know the truth keep the secret until only one living person remains to unravel the mystery. In *Year One* (of the *Chronicles of One* trilogy,) romance writer Nora Roberts turns her talents **to apocalyptic dystopian fantasy**. Suggested by Roberts fan Sue Furry, Year One sets the groundwork for "the Doom" which kills most of the world's population and mutates others into fantastical and magical beings. Reminiscent of Steven King's *The Stand*, groups of survivors meet up and travel together. Toward the end of the novel, one pivot-



al character becomes the focus, and her story continues in the sequels *Of Blood and Bone* and *The Rise of Magicks*. By the time we could meet again in August, we were back on track with our list.



In August, we read A Small Indiscretion by Jan Ellison. This debut novel is an emotional and suspenseful mystery with revelations that continue and relationships that evolve until the final pages. Charac-

ter Annie Black confesses to her husband the reckless details about her youthful adventures as an office assistant in London and about her recent trip back there. Three days later, an overflowing claw-foot bathtub falls through the ceiling over her store, The Salvaged Light, and wrecks the place. Later that night, her son and her salesclerk, a young woman named Emme Greatrex, are in a terrible car accident; her son is taken by helicopter to the hospital where he is in a coma, and Emme disappears. Then, her husband asks for a separation and moves out. Narration switches from Annie's life in London at age 20, to parts of the recent past, and



to present-time chapters that cover the year following the accident. Events and recollections are shuffled together in a way that reveals only one plot element at a time. With her son in a coma, her husband in his own apartment, and her daughters in neglect, Annie's libertine past has come back to haunt her. September's read



was Go Set a Watchman, by Harper Lee. Chosen by Deb Brown, Lee's novel is a posthumous publication said to be a first draft of the famous To Kill a Mockingbird. This "second" novel showcases the same characters we all

grew to love in *Mockingbird*, but set twenty years later. Scout is now a grown-up Jean Louise; Jem, sadly, is dead, and Atticus is revealed as a racist. Written in the third person, from Jean Louise's point of view, it recounts a visit from her home in New York City to Maycomb, Alabama. Her return forces her to come to terms with views on race and segregation, with racial and class prejudice, with a small town's hypocrisy and small-mindedness. Her struggle forces her to have understanding and forgiveness for the bigotry she encounters in her own loved ones. In October, we read Floridian Patrick Smith's historical novel A Land Remembered.



A Dogs point of view

By Nancy Miles



9 was caged and lonely there, In an animal shelter I know not where. Gne day you came along, and took me to your home, Didn't trust you at first, was shy, but you knew why, Someone before treated me wrong, 9 am little but stay strong. With your tender care for me, 9 know this is where 9 should be. Inside your house I run about, but you are with me when we go out. I have my own little bed, but like sleeping with you instead. Happy, happy days are now for me 2 see, the day you came and rescued me. 9 knew this is where 9 will stay, for you will never give me away. I found my forever family, your fur baby ,your friend. ያራረንያ

The Sea Gull

We offer our deepest sympathy to Brenda, Sue, Cynthia and their families on the loss of our friends Linda, Jeff, Ken, Scott & Tom. Unfortunately many of us were not here to offer our condolences or give you a hug.

In Sympathy

Jeff Craig Furry, 63, of Fruitland Park, Florida Linda Arata 10/22/20 passed away peacefully at home on September 14, 2020 after his six year battle with Huntington's disease. Jeff was born in Lima, Ohio on May 27, 1957. Jeffrey discovered his love for horses, muscle cars and his beloved "Cleveland Browns" Jeff and Sue met in high school, and were married on November 26, 1977. He enjoyed and was quite good at WII bowling even when his disease was advanced. It was a joy to see Jeff's smile. We will miss him.

Linda Arata, was relatively new to the park, coming from Hollywood, Florida, employed in real estate She was a fun loving person with a bubbly personality. She wanted to live life to the fullest. She loved being at the pool and had a smile for all she met.

Kenneth Maxwell Drew, Jr., passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 after a courageous battle with cancer and complications related to COVID-19. He was 84 years old. He was born on June 25,1936 in Burlington, VT. Kenny enlisted in the Navy on June 20, 1954 and served on the Destroyer USS Warrington, as an Electronics Technician. He served on the Vergennes Police Department and on the City Council. He was a proud member of the Cairo Northern Clowns within the Cairo Shrine. He was the owner and operator of Drew Brothers garage in Vergennes for many years. He moved to Florida, to share a home at LST with good friend Brenda Murray, and made many new friends.





Ken Drew- 8/ 25/20





Jeff Furry 9/14/20

Scott Lang 5/9/20

Tom Cole- No Photo

We also offer our condolences to Sandy Bowling and Sue Furry on the passing of their mothers, to Tina Chapman and Jean Cherovsky, & Doris Buyarski on the loss of their brothers, and Carol Roberts loss of her sister-in-law and to all who may have lost a family member or special friend during this pandemic.

Love lives forever in each memory and the thoughts of the special ones who meant so much to us and the happiness they brought. Love lives on foreverit will never fade away, For, in our hearts, our loved ones are with us everyday.













MAPPY THANKSGIVING!

APPLE PIE BEANS BREAD CORN CRANBERRY SAUCE GRAVY HAM MASHED POTATOES MILK PUMPKIN PIE ROLLS SQUASH STUFFING SWEET POTATOES TURKEY

Thanksgiving Word Scramble

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