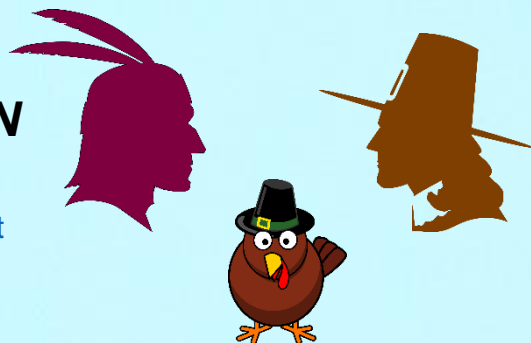




The CONNECTION

November 2015

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Greetings

Social Activities Director - Happy November to all! I've met a lot of you and look forward to meeting the rest of you. I have to say I'm truly loving Cypress Woods. Our ticket sales for the Halloween event has exceeded our expectations and the Burger Bash in November should beat that with more of you returning. This year's Thanksgiving dinner will be very special because of Joyce McDonough's time and effort. Remember, I'm your ears and your voice. I'm always here for you; stop by my office anytime.

Social Activities Director - Suzie Meklir 239-694-2724 Susan.Meklir@fsresidential.com

Editor - We hope you like the progress with the Newsletter and new Website. We've tweaked and made changes with your feedback. Please don't hesitate to contact us. Please send any concerns, feedback or suggestions about The Connection newsletter to TheConnection@CypressWoodsRV.net.

If you want to read any past issues they are available at the new website under NEWS.

In the coming months we will have sessions on how to navigate and save the new website on your PC, tablet or phone.

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OBSERVE the .net designation. Using .com will bring you to the old developer site. The Calendar may be slow loading but be patient. You can also subscribe to the Cypress Woods Google Calendar for a faster experience.

https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=jba5bjoopmbbuionv38v8ip8es%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York

Save this link ... It is also available on the web site as a button on the calendar.

The Website also has updated the "Lots for Sale" and "Lots for Rent" listings several times in the past few weeks. So it looks like many more of you are using this resource!

Editor - Jim Picard C22 239-218-6762 Jim@JimPicard.com

Social Activities Committee - Hello from the Social Committee. The season began with Monday Morning Coffee on October 19th. Many attended to meet our new Social Activities Director, Suzie Meklir. Suzie hosted the meeting, and gave a brief outline of her family and job experience.

The Committee has planned many events for this season, starting with the Halloween Dinner Dance "Spooktacular!" The popular Burger Bash with Tammy Truitt is scheduled for mid-November.

We are always looking for volunteers to host or help with events this season. Suzie has many fresh new ideas for fun events and would welcome your ideas. I look forward to meeting all of you during the season.

Tom Knowlan - Social Activities Committee Chair

Monday Morning Coffee



Visit with your friends or make new friends every Monday at 9:00 AM at the Town Center Great Room. Come hear about future events and activities.



From Your HOA Board

The temperatures are falling and we are sure each of you is getting ready to head south. We are hoping you will be very delighted when you see our beautiful community – groomed, cleaned, refreshed and well-maintained. Your manager, Steve Pigman, and his crew and vendors have been focused on detail and disciplined on completing all the summer projects.

From your HOA board cont...

The Board continues to review the over-all operation of the community. Here are some points of interest:

New website: www.CypressWoodsRV.net is our newly designed and easily accessible website. Make sure you check this out, as it will keep you informed of so many resort activities and news.

Owner's lots for sale or rent: If you have a lot for sale/rent, simply email Pat Zollo with your information (patzollo@yahoo.com). There will be 3 ways that we will be getting this info into the hands of any inquiry:

1. It will be posted on our website.
2. The Gate Greeters will be handing them out to visitors who inquire.
3. If an inquiry is called into the office, our receptionist will give them our website Information and they can review this list.

Maintenance: Our Town Center kitchen is newly repainted and new slats installed in fencing behind section B. The Welcome Center has been pressure-washed and looks fresh and new. Three new washers are now installed in the Welcome Center.

Phone System: The installation is complete with our new Comcast phone system – completely separate from the Developer's. This conversion has saved us \$3700 annually.

THE MAIN OFFICE # is 239-208-7613

Luckett Road lighting: Lee County advises us that we will need a community petition signed by the residents in order for any additional Luckett Road lighting to be installed.

We are looking for some volunteers to head up this campaign. We do have the contact names and numbers for Lee County. Simply email/call Steve Pigman or a Board member, if you would be able to assist us with this project.

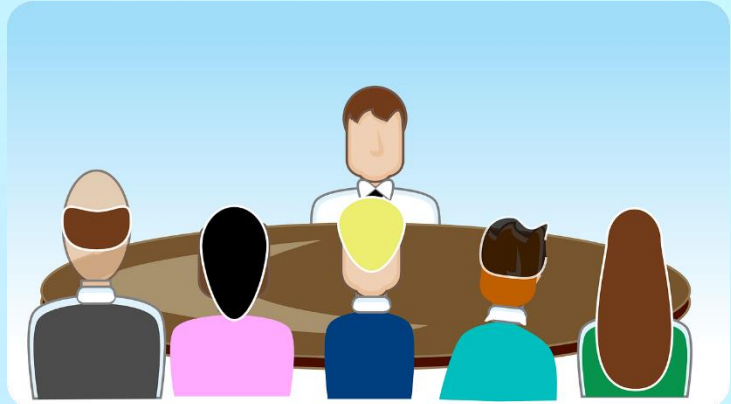
Staffing: Annual performance evaluations have been given to each staff member. Along with this, any pay increases will go into effect Jan. 1, 2016. We are currently rewriting each position's job description and will be establishing a pay range for that position. This will create a fair and balanced performance evaluation system.

Section E: The bank that foreclosed on the property has hired a real estate agent to sell the land. It is listed for \$3.7 million and is being advertised. We have no other news than this.

Delinquencies: As of 9/30/15, there are 18 owners who are 30 days or more delinquent on their dues and/or special assessment. This totals \$20,130. All have been sent late notices and letters. Four of these lots are being turned over to our attorney for the beginning of legal action.

Financial Stability: All bills are paid and current. We are operating solidly in the BLACK. Our financial future is looking bright. All financials are published on First Services website for your viewing. If, however, you need help in comprehending, simply contact our manager, Steve Pigman, and he will answer your questions.

Did you know? For every lot that is sold in the resort, the HOA collects \$300 in transfer/recording fees? In 2015, to date the total collected is \$ 6300.



It's important to us that each owner "stays in the know!" We hope this information helps you understand your HOA and management commitment to serving you as best we can!

We invite all owners to attend our HOA Board meetings and welcome your questions and suggestions...

'Working together to create pride and prosperity in our community!'

Pat, Gary, Barb, Bob, Deb, Dick & Judy



Kudos to

The three gentlemen who crashed the Ladies Luncheon!



~ Appreciation and Recognition ~

Please send to TheConnection@CypressWoodsRV.net

November Events

Wednesday, November 4 - General Shuffleboard Dinner Meeting. All who are playing or are interested in playing shuffleboard are welcome to come. Chili and cornbread will be provided. Please sign up in the Town Center Lobby. Dinner served at 5 PM and meeting to follow. Phil Neil B29, Dorie Baker B99

Monday, November 9 - Red Hat Ladies - Welcome back to all Red Hat ladies. Hope all had a very wonderful summer. Eva Beckmann will be our hostess for the opening event on November 9. Queen Mother Carol D70

Wednesday, November 18 - Burger Bash Night - Entertainment - Tammy Truitt - Town Center Great Room - Doors open at 4:30 PM, Dinner at 5:00, Entertainment 6-9pm. \$7/person - burgers, soda, chips, and ice cream. Tickets on sale starting Monday, Nov 2, at the Town Center. Isabelle McCoy C33 705-242-0543

Friday, November 20 - Ladies Luncheon - Dine on the finest fresh hydroponic produce and homemade foods at Buckingham Farms. It is located on Orange River Road. Please sign up by Tuesday the 17th. We will meet in the Town Center parking lot at 11:30 and carpool to the restaurant. Carolyn Polkinghorn C107

Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Dinner - Turkey, gravy, rolls, pies, coffee and iced tea will be provided by the Social Committee. We ask that you bring a dish, enough to serve 6-8, of one of the following: green bean casserole, corn casserole, mashed potatoes, stuffing, or cranberry salad.

The sign-up sheet is in the Town Center lobby. You can either make it or purchase it. One good place to get it is Gordon Food Service (GFS) on Colonial Blvd.

Please get your "FREE" ticket from the ticket committee during regular ticket sale hours or from Suzie in the Activities office. Cocktail hour 3 PM and Dinner at 4 PM. Please bring your own table service and anything else you want to drink. Bob & Joyce McDonough B23

Saturday, November 28th - Craft Show - All crafters are welcome to sign up at the Town Center lobby. Show will be from 9 AM - 12 PM in the Great Room. Come and shop for Christmas or something special for yourself! There are many talented people living in this resort. Claire Woolnough 757-784-2484

November Activities

Aqua Zumba - Begins Wednesday November 4th 1:30 pm - 2:15pm. Town Center Pool. \$7 per class.

Bid Euchre - November 13th 7 PM. Bid Euchre in the Community Room

Fun game, more difficult than euchre but easier than bridge.

Experienced players or novices welcome. I will teach you the game.

Isabelle McCoy/Robinson C33 705-242-0543 mrsrobinsontoo@gmail.com



Cypress Woods Sew and Sews - Meeting in the Community Room Wednesdays at 9 AM. Since there are only a few people in the resort at this time, it will be an informal gathering. If you wish to work on your own project or just bring ideas for the new season, please stop by and visit. Everyone who sews or wishes to sew is welcome. Joyce Young C66

Decorative Painting with Suzanne - Two Mondays in November. The 9th and the 23rd. We need enough participants. We will begin at 6:30 PM in the Community Room. Cost \$15. Dorie Baker B99 239-940-0954, Sue Jillett C74

Karaoke & Dancing - Town Center Great Room – Tuesdays. Doors are open - 7 PM (6:30 PM*). Come make Karaoke Night your next happy hour...Bring a drink and relax. Stop in at any time and stay even a short while to share good times! Great song selections. Dancing and Line Dancing.

(*1/2 hour provided for those wanting to warm up or practice 6:30-7 PM)

Jim Picard C22 239-218-6762 Jim@JimPicard.com



Social Shuffleboard - The Cypress Woods Social Shuffleboard season is starting on Thursday, Nov. 5th from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm and on Saturday Nov. 7th starting at 9:30AM.

We welcome new players to come and learn the game. We will show you the correct way to hold the cue, how to keep score and tips on how to play the game. Join us on the Shuffle courts, have fun playing and meet old and new friends. Judy Barrett A-55 - Randy Payne D-127

Water Aerobics - We gather Monday through Saturday at the Town Center pool starting at 9:30 AM. Temperature must be 60 degrees at 9 AM on Channel 2. JoAnn Landry D99

Water Aerobics will also be available at the Welcome Center pool Monday through Saturday starting at 1PM. Diane Wood C71 603-866-0717

Wednesday Golf - Wednesday golf begins Wednesday, November 11th. I will email a notice to all of you who have expressed interest on November 4th. If you wish to golf, please respond to this email.

Please see the Wednesday Golf Tab at www.CypressWoodsRV.net Web page for further information.

Questions, call Lee Jungkans Lot B-75 414-302-0140 or email CypressSabalGolf@gmail.com.

Zumba Gold - Start Friday November 6th 11:15 - 12 p m. Great Room - Town Center

Future Events

Thursday, December 10 - Christmas Party - Shuffleboard Group

Thursday, December 17 - Join us in a Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long - Save the date: Thursday, December 17, for the Christmas Sing-Along & Children's Choir coming up at 7 PM in the Great Room at the Town Center. You'll get a chance to sing your favorite Christmas carols/songs as well as hear the children from Manatee Elementary School perform for our enjoyment. We'll have Christmas cookies & hot cocoa/coffee afterwards; the cookies are provided by our own Cypress Woods residents, so if you like to bake, bring some cookies to share for the event. See you there! Lois Langer

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day Dinner - 4:30- 5 PM social time. 5-7 PM dinner. Ham, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee, & tea will be provided. There will be tables of 8. Each table is responsible for bringing side dishes/appetizers for that table. What you bring is up to you & your tablemates. Sign-up sheets will be put out by Dec. 9. Deadline to sign up will be Dec. 18. For questions see Ruth Elsner D164 252-671-6876.

Thursday, December 31 - New Year's Eve - The Theme is "BLACK AND WHITE" - Music by JIMMY PICARD Event is limited to 200 people - More info to follow.

Driver Safety Class – AARP discount – Coming in January or February... more details to come.

Future Activities

Women's Bible Study - The Bible Study for women of all faiths will begin on January 12, 2016, and meet every Tuesday from 9:30-11 AM in the Omni Room. We will be studying Revelation using Dr. David Jeremiah's book, *The Agents of the Apocalypse*. If you get a chance to read the book prior to January, it will whet your appetite for interesting discussions about the end times. Reading Revelation is promised to bring a blessing to you. Sign-up will begin in December. Bette Struck A51

The Cypress Woods Chorus - Meets for the first time on Monday, January 11, 2016, from 3:30 PM to 5 PM. This year's new songs will include "I Dreamed a Dream" from the musical *Les Miserables*, and, for our annual memorial service, "The Prayer (with Lead Us, Lord)." All of our songs are usually SATB (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass), so if you wish to join the chorus, you should know what your voice range is. If you have sung with a group before, we welcome you in the chorus, but even if you have not, we encourage you to come to the first rehearsal to try the music. There is no sign-up sheet. Jackie Gelinis, Choral Director B30

A CALL FOR...

Christmas Decorating Volunteers - Information in binder at Town Center Lobby. Let's help Kathy Orris transform Cypress Woods into a Christmas wonderland!

Learn Bridge with Professionals - Sign up is located in the Town Center Lobby.
For further information contact Robert Tomkin 239-349-2339

For Your Information



Monthly Driveway Sales - In an effort to keep appearances up in the park, the Board has instituted a policy that items are not to be placed on or around the trash compactor...something that we all most likely have done. Many owners expressed concerns about not having a way to discard usable items that they no longer want or need.

We would like to try a "Driveway Sale" pilot program starting on October 31st and continuing on the last Saturday of each month.

Owners/Occupants of the lot can place items out for sale or free, depending on your preference.

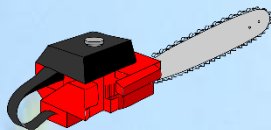
The driveway sale will run from 9 AM - 12 PM. If you have free items, you may leave them at the end of your driveway until dark; then they must be removed. At the end of the day, if no one wants the items, you can save them for the next month or dispose of them. This way you have an opportunity to get rid of functioning items, and we don't have the compactor area cluttered up.

Planning an Event or Activity? - If you are in need of costumes, decorations, etc., for an event or activity, please consult the SHED BOOK available in the Activities Director's Office. You may also see any member of the shed committee. Jeanne Lutz D90, Carol Place D70, Sharon Stultz C96, Frank Orris D60 or Jerry Custer D103

Bicycle Rack - Please park golf carts away from the front of the bicycle racks! This area is for bicyclists.

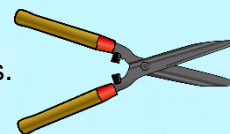
Cypress Woods Sunshine Lady - Please submit residents' names who are in need of a little cheer due to illness or death (in their immediate family) to me. Cards are sent from the Cypress Woods Community.

Carolyn Polkinghorn C107 c.polkinghorn@comcast.net



Horticulture Pick Up - Tuesdays and Fridays

Please place trimmings on the edge of your lot, not on the grass.
Hired contractors should be removing their cuttings.



International Dining - If you are interested in purchasing an International Dining book, ending in December, 2016, please let the Ticket Committee know so they can be ordered. These books have deals for entertainment and restaurants in the Fort Myers, Cape Coral and Naples area. Jeanne Lutz D90

Library - Come and enjoy great books you have donated at the Welcome Center Library adjacent to the laundry room. - Your Library Staff.

Recycling at Town Center - Aluminum Cans, Tabs, etc...

We will continue this season to recycle aluminum cans and collect tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Please place aluminum cans in the marked containers, tabs in the container in the Town Center and the other items in the blue containers. Please! No garbage in the blue containers! Place garbage in the big green dumpster. Recycling helps reduce our garbage dumping fees. Shredded paper and styrofoam are NOT recyclable. Thanks for recycling.

Saturday Mail Delivery - Begins in November - date to be determined.

LP Supplier – Alliance Propane will deliver on Wednesdays. Place a chair at end of your pad for delivery.

Cylinder Filling Program

20# Cylinder's \$22

30# Cylinder's \$32

40# Cylinder's \$42

Any tank larger will be filled at the RV price of \$4.50 per gal.

385 Ortiz Ave Fort Myers, FL 33905 (239)-693-5006 phone (239)-693-5002 fax

Ticket Policy – If you have questions about the sale of tickets, please review the Ticket Policy. A copy of this policy is available in the Town Center Lobby, the Social Activities Office and from members of the Social Committee. Tickets for events are sold on Monday morning after coffee and Thursday morning from 9 AM to 11 AM in the Town Center - Jeanne Lutz D90. For the months of October, November and December sales will end at 10 AM.

GATE GREETERS - We accepted the responsibility of starting and running the Gate Greeter program for November and December -- weekends only. It worked well last year for the first time and this year we can do it better! We learned that a two-hour shift was better... and look at the new brochures (attached) we'll be handing out. Deb Davis and the HOA Board have had them printed and ready for us. Deb tells us, also, that the smudged sliding doors in the Gate House are being replaced and real XXX-tall vests are being made for the really, really big. Now, let's hope the gate opening and closing mechanism works without fault. We don't need any more excitement of that nature.

Several people have already volunteered. However, we need some more help. If you're going to be in Cypress Woods in November and/or December will you lend us a hand? We're trying to schedule no more than two shifts per month. Just email me. We'll get the schedule ready and distributed before the end of October Ron Posno rnsposno@gmail.com 519-473-3479 (CAN) 239-919-6667 (FLA)

Security Question

Does Cypress Woods RV Resort Homeowners Association provide security to the Community?

Only to a small extent in that we have access control gates at the main entrance and an emergency access gate in the back of the community. The only other "security" services we provide are locks on the common buildings and an alarm in the offices' section of the Welcome Center. For access into the community through the access gates, one must have a white swipe card, a car tag or a code to open such gates. For entry into the Town Center during door lock times, one must have a white swipe card. These items can only be obtained through the management office. At times, we do have gate greeters; however, these are not security personnel. So when you are not around, whether for an hour, a day or months, lock up your items because the association is not responsible for your security, nor do we claim in any way to provide security to the resort.

Thoughts and Prayers



*John and Dorie Baker
Lois and Delmer Bender
Rich and Jolene Fischer
Kathy and Jerry Holbrook
Gloria and Jim Reed
Gary and Aileen Schreiner
Gary and Pat Sharp
Sharon and Steve Stultz*



Friendly Reminders

- Upon arrival, please sign in at the Welcome Center to update management and mail staff.
- For your safety, please carry a light when walking at night and walk facing traffic.
- When walking your dog, please carry bags and pick up.