

# The CONNECTION

November 2016

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## Greetings

**Social Director** - Coming Soon!

**Editorial** - It's the beginning of another season at Cypress Woods! Some of you have asked what happened to the October Newsletter? Last year we had a Social Director on site early and we also launched the new [www.CypressWoodsRV.net](http://www.CypressWoodsRV.net) web site. We felt this was important enough to add a BONUS on-line only *Special Information Edition* for October 2015.

Our official season for The Connection Newsletter is November through April. There are 6 issues in total for the season. These are available on-line first which our management company, First Service, then prints and makes available for the Town Center, Welcome Center and our seasonal Gate Greeters!

What would it be like if we could collaborate with each other **year-round** as opposed to just a couple of months well after season starts? We now have 2 new tools available which were both recently upgraded and are now **totally free!** (Dropbox Paper & Google Forms). You can certainly check these out on your own but we will provide a link on the [www.CypressWoodsRV.net](http://www.CypressWoodsRV.net) web site where anyone can test them and provide feedback to us. The Connection Staff will transition to these two new tools next month from our current collaboration tools, because they are just better and easier to use!

At last Monday Morning Coffee, the Social Committee and Gary Snyder made the same announcement: **We need volunteers.** If you would like to volunteer and share your skills and availability, see Gary or anyone from the Social Committee.

As a reminder, we have a suggestion box where you can provide your ideas. It is located through a slot in door of the treasurer's corner office in the Great Room. Let your voice be heard and share your suggestions.

If you Google 'Cypress Woods RV Resort', [www.CypressWoodsRV.net](http://www.CypressWoodsRV.net) is now coming up 4th in the rankings! More people are using our web site and Steve and Patti are fielding more questions daily. This is a very good thing!

If you have a talent for using Word, Desktop Publishing, Graphics, Advertising or Web Page Design and can provide 1-3 hours of your time, **WE WANT YOU!** There is no need to be in residence. You can even create a free website with [www.WIX.com](http://www.WIX.com) and see how easy it is to use. Please email me or talk to me if you might be interested.

Our volunteer skill search will be on our web site soon or you can let us know immediately by sending an email to [Volunteers@CypressWoodsRV.net](mailto:Volunteers@CypressWoodsRV.net)

Together we are making new things happen at Cypress Woods!

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## Monday Morning Coffee



Visit with your friends or make new friends every Monday at 9 AM at the Town Center Great Room. Come hear about future events and activities. Enjoy a donut and a cup of coffee.



### ***Your HOA News---Keeping you in the know!***

#### ***From your HOA Board...***

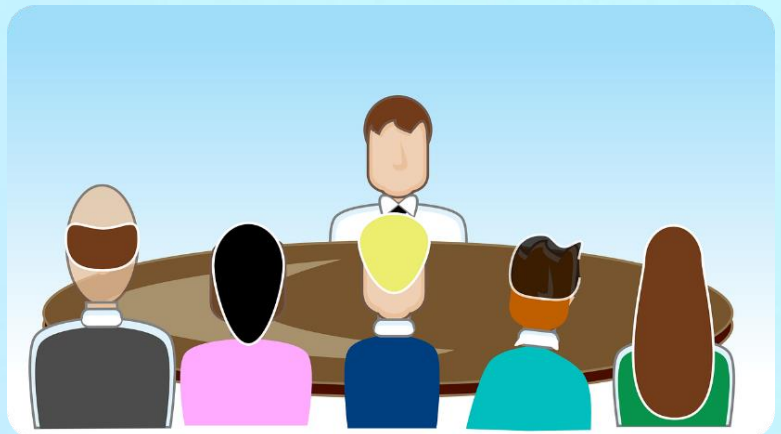
*Welcome back to your new and improved winter homes! The management and staff have really elevated our community to new standards! We are sure as you come through the gates and down the streets you will see a lush, fresh and well maintained property. Here are just a few of the highlights:*

- We have a new Regional Director with First Services – Josh Meredith. He has inspired and worked with our staff and the positive results are everywhere!*
- New A/C units in the spa, gym and Town Center (\$11,000) and we are getting bids on replacing the final 3 units in the Town Center. Then we will have All new units throughout the building.*
- New convection oven ordered for in the Town Center kitchen – easy prep for hot meals*
- Ceiling fans installed in the great hall at the Town Center – now you can dance in comfort!*
- New paver sidewalks: from the courts to the pool, from the front gate to the Welcome Center and a paver floor under the picnic area ( a courtesy job provided by our lawn care vendor Newell)*
- New front gate “bar code” reader (w/surge protector) damaged by lightening (\$ 7700)*
- Improved WORK ORDER system – if you have or see a maintenance issue – simple call the First Services Customer Care # 866-378-1099. Cards and emails were sent out recently to explain the simplicity and follow thru of this new feature – cost? No charge!*
- Card room at the Welcome Center – the Cypress Room is available for booking your card or game groups*
- 3 new commercial grade washers (\$3200) – now 6 of the 10 are 3 years old or newer!*
- We are postponing the storage area expansion due to lack of interest from the community.*
- We have had many requests to upgrade our pool(s) furniture – we are securing costs and styles and will consider for the 2017 budget that we are currently analyzing*

*Our financial future looks stable and encouraging. We are funding our capital reserves and meeting all of our responsibilities in a timely manner. Being a 100% owner-governed community allows us to work together for the betterment and enjoyment of all!*

#### ***Your HOA Board***

*Pat, Gary, Barb, Joe, Deb, Dick & Judy  
Working together to create pride and  
prosperity in our community!*





## November Events

**Saturday, November 5** - General Shuffleboard Meeting - There will be a meeting and lunch after social shuffleboard on Saturday about 11:30 AM. Everyone who is on a team wants to be on a team or plays social shuffleboard should attend this meeting. We need to know if we have enough players for two Tuesday teams and one Wednesday team. Dorie Baker B99 717-487-8879, JoAnn Landry D99 612-281-6957

**Friday, November 18** - Come join us for Burger Bash. The \$7 ticket will go on sale November 3, which includes Burger, chips, soda and ice cream. Tammy Truitt will entertain us for the evening. Doors open 4:30 PM. Dinner 5:00 PM.

**Thursday, November 24th.** - Thanksgiving Dinner - The Social Committee will provide Turkey, rolls, pies, coffee and iced tea. We are asking that you bring one of the following dishes to serve six to eight people: vegetable casserole (green bean, broccoli, sweet potato or corn); mashed potatoes; sweet potatoes; stuffing; or cranberry salad or some variation. You can either make or purchase the dish you choose to bring. Gordon Food Service on Colonial Boulevard is a good source. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby. Please bring your own table service. There will also be a sign-up sheet for volunteers. We will start with a social hour at 3 PM. and dinner at 4 PM. If you do not plan to attend the social hour, please bring your food at 3 PM, so it can be heated. This event is FREE but you need to sign up and pick up tickets. Tickets are available during normal ticket sales times or in the activity director's office. The Snyders C110 and the Sieczkiewicz B2

## Future Events

**Thursday, December 8, 2016 - "Christmas Masquerade Ball" (Dinner/Dance).** Doors will open at 6 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. Dancing to "BRYLCREAM" will be from 7:30 to 10:30 PM. *This is one of the best bands in the area—do not miss the chance to hear and dance to their music!* Our theme will be a Venetian Masquerade Ball – Please wear a mask [Christmas Colors of red, green, silver and gold] and consider dressing up – *AFTER ALL IT IS A "BALL" CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS JOY!*

Chairmen: Jim & Trish Bogenrief – Lot C85 – Phone: 217-801-5077 E-mail: [tjbogie@paulbunyan.net](mailto:tjbogie@paulbunyan.net)  
*WATCH FOR FLYERS WITH FULL INFORMATION, INCLUDING A GREAT MENU AND COST*

**March 3rd - 4th, 2017 - CYPRESS WOODS WEEKEND 2017** - There are two major activities that we are planning for Cypress Woods Weekend next year: CELEBRATING CYPRESS WOODS and THE CYPRESS WOODS EMMYS. Tim Dexter B55

## Kudos to

*Do you know someone who deserves praise or distinction for an accomplishment or good deed? Please email that information to [TheConnection@CypressWoodsRV.net](mailto:TheConnection@CypressWoodsRV.net) and clarify if you wish the recipient's name to be included.*

## Activities

**Watercolor & Acrylic Painting** - Join us every Thursday in the Community Room at the Town Centre. First art day will be Thursday, November 24th, 1 - 4 PM  
Isabelle McCoy/Robinson C33 [mrsrobinsontoo@gmail.com](mailto:mrsrobinsontoo@gmail.com)

**Cypress Woods Chorus** - We will meet for the first rehearsal on Monday, January 16, 2017 at 3:30 PM. This season we will be singing "Look to the Rainbow" from the musical *Finian's Rainbow*...a song that will make the chorus feel happy and the audience feel happy, too! In preparing for our annual

memorial service, we will become a choir again with some new songs that are "hot off the press" new! They will be revealed in due time, but expect some beautiful music. You are invited to join the chorus and you do not have to know how to read music, although that helps. You should know if you sing soprano, alto, tenor, or bass, and having sung with a group before is particularly helpful. There is no sign-up list: just come to the first rehearsal. Jackie Gelinis, Director, B30.

**Cypress Woods Carving Club** - First meeting will be November 10, 2016, 1 PM at the carvers shed. Anyone interested in learning the art of wood working is welcome. Come join us! Bruce Young C66

**Cypress Woods Sew and Sews** - First Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at 9 AM in the Community Room. It will be a show and tell of summer projects and setting up of items to be made this season. Join us and bring ideas for this season. Beginning sewers certainly are welcome. Joyce Young C66

**Hospice Sewers** - The Community Service Sewers will begin sewing the last week in January 2017. WE are spending the entire holiday season in Pennsylvania. We plan to arrive in Florida the third week in January. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 24, 2017, starting at 8 AM until 5 PM and volunteers can come any time during the day. We will make the usual items for Hope Hospice. Coffee will be served. In addition, some of our Hospice Volunteers will be sewing in the room on Tuesdays until the group sewing begins the end on Jan. 2017.

This will be the last season for our sewing group. Lois Braden C52 [agb03@aol.com](mailto:agb03@aol.com)

**INTERNATIONAL DINING** - If you are interested in purchasing an International Dining book ending in December, 2017, please let me know so they can be ordered. These books have deals for entertainment and restaurants in the Fort Myers, Cape Coral and Naples area. They cost \$35. Carolyn Polkinghorn C107, [c.polkinghorn@comcast.net](mailto:c.polkinghorn@comcast.net), or (239)246-0486

**Karaoke & Dancing** - Town Center Great Room – Starts Tuesday November 8th - 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 [Karaoke@CypressWoodsRV.net](mailto:Karaoke@CypressWoodsRV.net)

**Keyboard Group Music Lessons** - The "Learning Together Music Course" will be held in the Town Center Great Room with Instructor David Jozaities, beginning on Monday, November 21, from 12 to 1 PM. Anyone who might enjoy making music is welcome: you will learn how in a FUN atmosphere! The cost is \$50 a lesson for the group, but the more participants there are, the less you will pay. Both the organ and the piano keyboards will be explained by David, who will perform again this year at "Pizza and Pipes." If you have not already signed up for this 10-week course, you may contact David at 239-841-0263 to be included in the class.

**Ladies Luncheon** - Friday, November 11 join us for a seafood lunch at the Shrimp Shack located at 13361 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers. Please sign up by Wednesday the 9th. We will meet in the Town Center parking lot at 11:30 AM and carpool to the restaurant. Carolyn Polkinghorn C107

**Mah-Jong** - We meet in the Omni Room on Sunday from 1 PM to 4 PM and Wednesday from 7 PM to 9 PM. Come play for fun, to watch, or to learn the game.

**PICKLE BALL** - You are invited to try the fastest growing sport in North America enjoyed by people of all ages and athletic ability. No special skills or abilities required. Pickle Ball is a combination of tennis, badminton and table tennis played on a small court with whiffle balls and racquets similar to table tennis paddles. Most people will become proficient after 2 or 3 sessions on the court. The rules are simple and the hardest part to learn for seniors is keeping score. All you need to get started is a pair of sturdy running or court shoes and a desire to have some fun and meet some great people. Equipment is available for use. We play: Mondays 7 PM - 9 PM. Wednesday 9 AM – 11 AM, Thursday 7 PM – 9 PM, Friday 9 AM -11 AM and Friday 7 PM - 9 PM on the tennis courts. Anyone who would like to try



the game at another time with fewer people around give me a call. Ron Gilmore Lot D-168 to arrange a trial run.

**Ping Pong** will begin the first Monday in January at the welcome center from 7 PM until 9 PM and will continue every Monday thru March. Any questions call Jack Comstock at 612-327-7831

**Red Hats-** Welcome home to all the early arrival Classie Lassies. It's time to start our season of fun and frivolity. Our November 14th gathering will be hosted by Joan Dalton and Paula Desloges. More info will be shared at Monday coffee and in the sign up binder in the Town Center. Remember, November and December we gather only the second Monday of the month----January thru March we gather second and fourth Mondays. Looking forward to another great season. If you have any questions on comments, come see me. Queen Mother Carol Place D70

**Social Shuffleboard** - The Cypress Woods Social Shuffleboard is on Thursday at 7 PM and on Saturday starting at 9:30 AM. Coffee and treats provided before Saturday's play. 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 Shuffleboard courts, Have fun playing and meet old and new friends. This a fun time for all! Dick Benson A44 Randy Payne D127

**Tennis** is a game of LOVE. We welcome all to join in our tennis programs this season. In November and December, we have Social Tennis on the courts Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings starting at 9 a.m. You don't need to sign up, just show up with a tennis racquet and join in the fun. Depending on the number of players who participate, in January our Social Tennis may shift to two morning sessions with sign-up required. Also starting in January, we will expand our programs with a Tennis Ladder involving competitive play on Mondays. Also, we plan to hold at least two tournaments during the season. Hope to see you on the courts. Mike Ryan – D55.

**Thirteen-Card Bingo** - Friday at 7 PM. Come for a fun night and play "Thirteen Card Bingo". Bring 3 nickles, 3 dimes, 3 quarters and \$1.00. Bring a deck of playing cards if you have one!

**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.

### **For Your Information**

**Saturday mail** - Will resume November 12, 2016

**Kitchen News** - As you may already know, Ron and Sandy Posno moved back home in Canada. She asked me to take her place as Kitchen Coordinator and I accepted. But, 'her shoes will be very hard to fill.' If you are planning an Event, having Kitchen Concerns, or making Suggestions, I will do my best to accommodate.

Joyce Kamp D-33 309-696-0565

**Planning an Event or Activity?** - If you need 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. Carol Place D70, Sharon Stultz C96,

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

**Name Tags** - Commercially made name tags with the Cypress Woods logo, your name and home state/province may be ordered from Claire Lepera lot C 41, or at Monday morning coffee, for a prepaid cost of \$12.50. Name tags are helpful to all (so that you will know with whom you are speaking, especially if you experience a sudden memory lapse) if worn at events/ gatherings/meetings or when volunteering for gate duty, ticket sales, or as an instructor etc. Wearing name tags is optional. Name tag sales will begin again in January.

**Cypress Woods Sunshine Lady** - Please submit residents' names who need 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

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

**LP Supplier** - South Florida Gas - (239) 334-3131 - Deliveries will be on Thursday, November 3, 2016. Place a chair at end of your pad for delivery. Weekly delivery hopefully will restart in December.

(unconfirmed Pricing)  
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.

**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 recyclable 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. If you have other aluminum items, please bring to lot A14 and I'll store them until we go to the recycling center. Thanks for recycling! Howard Anderson A14

**Bulk Pick-Up** - When contacting Progressive Waste for bulk pick up, also contact Resort Management so that management does not issue a violation notice to you. Steve Pigman Resort Manager

### 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

*Lois and Delmer Bender  
Gary and Grace Johnston  
Jimmy Picard and Michael Perkins  
Gary and Aileen Schreiner  
Jan (Wimpy) and Denise Wakker*



### Friendly Reminders

- Upon departure, please sign out at the Welcome Center to update management and mail staff. Also, fill out and furnish forwarding address labels to the mail room.
- 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.

### Cypress Woods Contacts

*First Service Property Management Staff*

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Property Manager

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239-208-7613

Due to time constraints CW contacts will appear in December's Issue along with calendar events and activities. In the meantime visit [www.CypressWoodsRV.net](http://www.CypressWoodsRV.net) for the latest information and Calendars