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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We are in full swing here in our little piece of paradise. Activities are abundant, residents are having fun, and we are all enjoying our beautiful Florida weather. The Village is starting to look good again thanks to the efforts of our paid and volunteer staff. Thanks also to our Tree and Planning Committees.

Progress is being made on swales, drainage manholes, and roads. There will be a lot of activity this month on swales. Roads and drain work will start late spring early summer, after the majority of us leave to go north for the summer.

We still need volunteers for many of our committees, specifically Environmental, also there are Chair positions open. We will have a new board in place starting April 1. They will be electing the Board officers after the POA meeting on March 23. All Committee Chair positions will be up for approval by the new Board. At the April 14 Board meeting, the Board will approve these positions.

You will be receiving a POA mailing with a proxy in it. It is very important to make sure you fill this out completely and return it, even if you plan on attending the meeting. This needs to be done so that a quorum can be determined, and allows the board to vote on agenda items if needed. At the January POA meeting we barely had enough proxies returned to determine a quorum. Remember this is your meeting and the quorum is determined by the number of proxies returned.

We all need to continue to focus on the big picture, which is to bring this Village back to what it was before two major hurricanes, a tornado and bad managers. If we all try to think about working together, we will accomplish this goal. We are on the right track and close to the finish line.

Susie will continue to help with Easy HOA problems. This software is all about communication and will greatly improve our ability to provide information to you. We are also able to text and send emails with this system. Moving forward it is important that you are able to log on to this site. Please see Susie if you are having issues.

Remember be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

God bless and have a great March

Tom Hilton

President



## MANAGER'S REPORT

I'd like to thank everyone that has participated in our mission to clean up the VHL community. Most of the initial letters have been sent, although additional letters, including the Candace and the Adana neighborhoods, will be put in the mail over the next week. Our main concentration has been vacant lots, and we've reached out to both owners and the lawn care company, Brightview to weed whack or "edge" the driveways. Owners are responsible for ensuring the lot is level, free of debris and the weeds maintained.

Liens were placed on 2 properties earlier this month for unpaid maintenance assessments. We will continue to collect on ALL overdue accounts as the accounts are verified. I expect to have a final report on the accounting and financials at the March POA as well. I'm very excited to share this progress and look forward to putting this behind us.

It appears real estate sales are moving again. We currently have 14 properties pending sale. As these properties transfer to new owners, any prior balances are being paid off if there was money owed.

There are many events this year again and our maintenance personnel have been busy with event setup. Project plans include cleaning up wheel stops throughout the community, assessing and repairing and/or painting mailboxes, updating the benches, touching up paint in buildings. Brian Henry has been given the go ahead to remove some larger stumps and dead pine trees throughout the community. We'll get as many as we can. I will be reaching out to FP&L requesting they address the trees along the power lines. The Volunteer Maintenance Committee continues to be helpful trimming trees, cleaning up swales with the Planning Committee. Thanks to Fred Almquist for replacing the faded "beware of alligator signs" around the lake. Fred and I continue to address signage. The Planning Committee is also making recommendations for the height of the stop signs in the park – many are too low.

The Board approved several new projects at the last Board of Directors meeting. The Planning Committee provided the Board with very detailed recommendations for paving and sealing roads, repairing swales and catch basins, and headwall repairs. The Board approved the initial phases of this project and the work on the swales and catch basins will begin soon. Many thanks to the members of the Planning Committee. The Board also approved a proposal to extend 10 docks at the waterfront. The permit work is being done on that

project now and we will begin within a couple of weeks hopefully.

If you need help with signing up for our new community website, our office assistant Susie will be available immediately following coffee hour next couple next week, March 4th, to help owners with signing-on or answering questions. She will do a quick review of where to find documents on the site. I had planned to devote more time myself to develop and personalize the site, and that has not worked so well so I've enlisted a couple of VHL owners to help me. We will also have a sign-up sheet if you are not able to get with after coffee.

A POA meeting is scheduled for March 23 at 2:00 PM. There will be three (3) vacancies on the Board when Gaspare Pirrone, Gayle Pfeifer and Tom Hilton's terms expire in March and three (3) members did submit their names to be on the Board so that will complete the new board and there will not be an election this year.

The new directories have been submitted for printing and should be available within the next 2 weeks.

If you're a snowbird and will not be here during the summer rainy season, please hire someone now to maintain the weeds over the summer. If you have a storage spot, please make sure there are no objects at all on the ground so we can keep up with the weeds there as well.

Thanks everyone!

## INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS

One of the primary responsibilities of our POA is protecting and maintaining our community's infrastructure. An 80,000 pound concrete truck raises cain with our roads, multiply that by 10 each day, after Hurricane Ian, and it can cause the need for extensive repairs over the course of three years.

At our February 10, 2026 Board Meeting, POA members Barry Webster and Gordy Smith presented a detailed plan to bring our infrastructure repairs back on schedule after a break during Hurricane Ian recovery. These repair, replacement and maintenance projects include our swales, road surfaces and catch basins. The details of these projects will be posted on EASY HOA.

The Board approved funding through our Infrastructure Reserve Account pending approval of bids. Funds have been set aside over time specifically for these major repairs and maintenance. This planning helps reduce the need for unexpected special assessments and allows the community to address aging infrastructure responsibly.

At the end of 2025, before accounting year end adjustments, our Infrastructure Reserve Balance is \$270,000. In 2026 we are contributing \$10,000 each month to the Infrastructure Reserve Account. Which means we will have enough available funds for the first phase of the project. The first phase of this project is estimated to cost \$310,000. It will eat up our reserve. We are still in the bidding process for the milling & paving part of the project. Additionally, Barry and Gordy are preparing a detailed schedule of Repairs and Maintenance out into the future to keep us on track.

In April, when The Finance Committee reviews our Reserve Budget numbers for 2027, we will need to adjust the Infrastructure Contribution accordingly, based on the schedule and costs. Of course, these contributions are a part of our Monthly Assessment.

The Board will prepare a report of the schedule and the estimated cost per project for the POA members review.

While these projects may cause temporary inconvenience, they are necessary for the safety, appearance and long-term financial health of VHL.

Nick Young, Treasurer  
vhl.nick.young@gmail.com



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

If you see a vehicle with a "Neighborhood Watch Patrol" sign on it please flash your headlights so they know you belong here. If you enter VHL and don't, they may follow you to make sure you are not trespassing.



Please slow down. One patrol report noted a vehicle exceeding the speed limit when entering VHL on a foggy morning, and there were people out walking.

Sheriff's Office Bicycle, Golf Cart, or Kayak Registration Program

After the coffee meeting on March 11, at 11:00 AM, Deputy Sheriff Dominick Ierfino (Dino) will be available to register any VHL resident's bicycle, golf cart, or kayak.

The program gives a unique ID tag to the owner who then places it on the item. The sheriff's office registers this ID to the item and records it with the Sheriff's Office. The unique ID helps identify the owner in the event of loss or theft of the tagged item.

Sheriff's Office "Calls for Service" Report

Date: 02/10/26

Total calls: 35

CPO meeting: 1

911 Hang-Up: 1

Public Assist: 2

Juvenile Probation check: 26

Civil Process: 1

Disturbance: 1

Directed Patrol: 4

The above report was prepared for the Village of Holiday Lake by DFC D. Ierfino

Red Dot Program - Some residents asked about getting replacement dots and since we didn't have any I reached out to the email address on the Red Dot Program page and promptly received a response from John Stewart, 911 Manager from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office. There have been some significant changes to the program and after asking several questions Mr. Stewart offered to attend our Feb 11 Coffee Meeting and explain the program that he is personally passionate about. The response to his presentation was great and he brought with him many forms, information sheets, and the red magnetic envelopes that you put your medical information in and attach to your refrigerator. There are many more available, just see Susie in the office to get some for yourself.

To learn more about the Red Dot program go here:

<https://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/departments/public-safety/fire-ems/programs/red-dot.shtml>

As always, if there is an emergency call 911.

Non-Emergency Sheriff's Office: 941-639-2101

"If you see something, say something." - Dick Sutton

Best regards,  
Rick Wright

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS / CERT

*(Community Emergency Response Team)*

CERT team members attended an Advanced Training course on disaster preparedness go-kits and vehicle kits. Some information from that class:

What works depends on:

- Hazard profile, Family needs, Location (home vs vehicle), Duration of self-sufficiency

When would you realistically grab your home go-kit?

- Power outages, Short-notice evacuation, Shelter-in-place situations, Medical disruptions

What's the one item you refuse to leave out?

- Several mentioned comfort food items – Chocolate, Beef Jerky, Etc., Fire starters, Blanket, Cash - small bills, Medications

What is something that people commonly forget to add to their kit?

- A written list containing critical information written in plain language, Emergency Contacts (with out-of-area contacts), Medical Conditions, allergies, and medications, Doctors/pharmacies, Insurance Information, Important account numbers, Passwords for important services, Pet information (Vet, meds, microchip number, etc.)

Why it gets forgotten

- It's not "gear," so people focus on flashlights and food, Folks assume they'll remember everything under stress (they won't), Phones die, get lost, or aren't accessible

Why it matters

- In shelters, hospitals, or reunification situations, this info is gold, Helps first responders or shelter staff help you faster, Works even with no power, no signal, no phone

Why Vehicle Kits Matter

- Situations that might necessitate them, Road closures, Long commutes, Evacuations, Weather-related delays

## Vehicle-specific challenges

- Some items don't do well in the Florida heat, like heat-sensitive medications, Some items take up too much space for them to be worth it like large water storage systems

## Links to Resources:

<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/resources/articles/do-first-aid-kits-expire>

<https://www.neighborsready.org/go-bags.html>

[https://www.neighborsready.org/uploads/1/4/2/8/142830157/b2wr-activities-25-27-en\\_1.pdf](https://www.neighborsready.org/uploads/1/4/2/8/142830157/b2wr-activities-25-27-en_1.pdf)

<https://www.neighborsready.org/uploads/1/4/2/8/142830157/go-bag-kit-lists2025.pdf>

<https://www.neighborsready.org/uploads/1/4/2/8/142830157/visual-checklist-for-your-disaster-supply-kit.pdf>

<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/resources/articles/car-emergency-kit-what-to-include>

<https://www.ready.gov/kit>

Best regards,

Rick Wright

## PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

A submitted and approved Environmental Application is required for all new homes, all exterior additions, or modifications to existing homes including painting and landscaping prior to commencement of the work.

Please remember the speed limit in the park is 25 miles per hour. There are lots of folks walking, riding bikes, walking their dogs, and gator watching. They might not see you.

Regards,

Lorrie Smith & Mollie Wellman

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

As the Season moves on, this is a reminder to revisit your RULES AND REGULATIONS DOCUMENTS. If you don't have one, can't find it, or never got one, it is online. Or, you can get it at the office . We are a Deeded Community. Some may not know what that is. The short answer is:

- A deeded community is a neighborhood where property use is governed by legally binding restrictions, known as deed
- restrictions, which are designed to maintain property values and community standards.
- It is important to be familiar with our Deed Restrictions.
- Under the Rules and Regulations section, you will find information on landscaping, setbacks, any outside work, additions, etc. Please turn in an Environmental Application for anything you are doing outside your home. You need an approved request before your work begins. If you have questions or need help with your request, the Environmental Committee meets every Tuesday at 1:00pm, until further notice. All are welcome.

Regards,

Jim Boshans, Chairman

Sharon Simmons, Co-Chairman

## KITCHEN COMMITTEE

I would like to thank all the volunteers who made the February breakfast a success. Dave Boland, Jerry Newsham, Woody Woodward, Lynne Hebert, Mary Reeves, Rich Delger and Christine Swain.

Our next Breakfast is March 11th. Ticket sales have begun. The last day to purchase breakfast tickets is before coffee on March 4th. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Thank you to all who supported the Kitchen by attending the breakfast.

Don't forget the vending machine. All proceeds go to support the Kitchen.

Stay hungry my friends!

Regards,

Ken Swain

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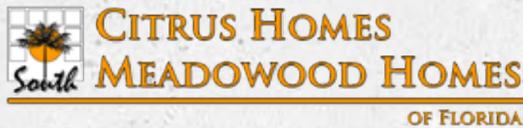
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>8</p> <p>11:00 PM <b>AMAZING RACE</b> 1:00 PM Pickle Ball 1:00 PM Hand, Foot, &amp; Elbow 3:00 PM Informal Bocci 5:00 PM <b>RACE DINNER</b> 6:00 PM Texas Hold Em Tournament</p> <p><i>Daylight Savings Begins @ 2am</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 AM Stained Glass 9:00 AM Fun Pickle Ball 9:00 AM Fitness Class 9:00 AM Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Discuss Group 1:00 PM Mahjong 6:30 PM Euchre</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:00 AM Pickle Ball 9:00 AM Fitness Class 9:00 AM Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Water Aerobics 11:00 AM <b>XFINITY</b> 1:00 PM EC Meeting 1:00 PM Quilting 7:00 PM BOD Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00 AM <b>VHL BREAKFAST</b> 9:00 AM Fun Pickle Ball 10:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:30 AM Tree Comm 1:00 PM Hand, Foot, &amp; Elbow 3:00 PM Ukulele 7:00 PM Bingo</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00 AM Pickle Ball 9:00 AM Fitness Class 9:00 AM Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Water Aerobics 3:00 PM Informal Bocci 6:00 PM Rummikub 6:00 PM Texas Hold Em Tournament</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00 AM Girls Golf 9:00 AM Fun Pickle Ball 9:00 AM Fitness Class 9:00 AM Water Aerobics 9:00 AM Knit/Crochet 10:00 AM Water Aerobics 1:00 PM Hand &amp; Foot 1:00 PM Wood Carving 5:00 PM Social</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 AM Pickle Ball 8:00 AM <b>CAR WASH</b> 10:00 AM Horseshoes 4:00 PM <b>UPPER LOT DANCE</b></p>
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## VHL BREAKFAST

MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 8:00 AM

MENU	
	Scrambled Eggs
	Pancakes
	Bacon & Sausage Links
	Biscuits & Gravy
	Coffee, Orange Juice, & Tomato Juice
\$7.00 per person (No tickets sold at door)	
Tickets will be sold on Wednesday's before Coffee Hour	

## BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE

The Blood Mobile will be here parked at the upper parking lot on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 11th 8AM – 1PM
- Wednesday, May 13th 8AM – 1PM
- Wednesday, November 18th 8AM – 1PM

If you have any questions regarding the Blood Drive, please contact Chris Manos at (508) 873-8330.

Regards,  
Chris Manos

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As new co-chairs of the Recreation committee, we are happy to continue the work started by the many dedicated committee chairs & volunteers through the years. They have brought fun and laughter to our days and we are grateful for their hard work and creativity!

A special thanks to Christine Swain for her detailed notes over the years- a godsend for planning! Mary Deltzer must also be applauded for the monumental task of navigating through Hurricane Ian; her advice & planning was invaluable. Finally, our deepest thanks to Cindy Rademacher for volunteering to take on this role and sharing the love she has for VHL with all that worked with her! We are grateful for her enthusiasm and hard work.

As we continue to research events for next season, we are relying on recreation committee members to provide feedback and suggestions, along with members of the Board and of course all VHL members - we are a community that support one another and just want to *have some more fun!*  
All our best, Doreen & Eileen



JOIN US for Coffee Hour on Wednesdays to hear about VHL's events and activities! Tickets for events will be sold BEFORE the host/hostess begins at 10:00 AM- don't forget to bring cash for tickets and possible raffle!



DATE	MARCH 2026	TIME	COST	TICKETS
SAT March 7	<b>Horse Races</b>	5PM-8PM	\$3	On sale NOW!
SUN March 8	<b>Amazing Race</b> Pulled Pork Dinner/Tree Committee	1:00 PM 5:00 PM	\$5 \$10	On sale NOW!
SAT March 14	<b>Food Truck with Vinyl Revival Band</b> Let's party outdoors in the upper parking lot!!!	4PM - 7PM	Pass the hat!	No ticket needed
FRI March 20	<b>Music Bingo</b> Extra cards available (\$2)	6:30PM - 8:30PM	\$5	On sale March 6th
SAT March 21	<b>St. Patty's Dinner &amp; Dance</b> River Kings 🎵	7:00 - 10:00 PM	TBD	On sale NOW!
WED March 25	<b>End - season Potluck &amp; Picnic</b> With guest DJ 🎵 at the Waterfront	4PM-7PM	\$4	On sale March 11th
SAT March 28	🎵 <b>DD Sons of 60</b> Snowbirds Springtime Send-off Spectacular! <b>Pork Loin Dinner &amp; Dance</b>	5:00 Doors Open 7:00- 10:00 PM	\$20	On sale NOW!
SUN March 29	Candy Apples! <b>Carnival</b> Caramel Corn! Corn dogs, funnel cake,,cheese fries	12PM-4PM	TBD	On sale March 1st

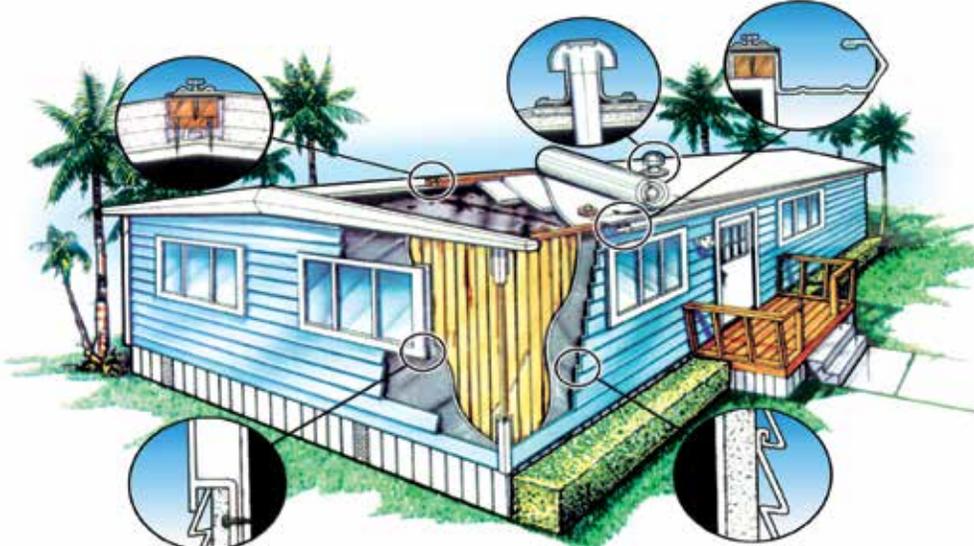


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**VHL ANNUAL  
PICNIC**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
**WHERE:** The Waterfront  
**TIME:** 11AM - 2PM

Ticket sales start  
 Wed, March 4th



**TICKETS: \$4.00**  
 Includes (1) Hot Dog or (1) Hamburger & water

**PLEASE BRING:**  
 \*A DISH TO SHARE \*  
 Have end-of-season leftover condiments?  
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**STREET DANCE – UPPER PARKING LOT - MARCH 14 \*\* 4-7 PM**

Reminiscent of the days of yore when our clubhouse was under reconstruction, the VHLers didn't stop dancing. We danced in the parking lots!!!!!! In honor of our resilience we are having a "Street Dance" to celebrate. The fantastic duo, Vinyl Revival, will be here to entertain us. In conjunction, we are also having another food truck event in the lower parking lot. Bring your chairs and side tables to dine near the action. We will be "passing the hat" to cover the band.

No ticket sales for this event. Come one come all. Let's bring back the street dance.

Regards,  
 Vicki Wilson

**Men's Club Car Wash**




**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
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**FRELLEN & HELEN'S FRIDAY SOCIAL**

Hey all you "Oldies", check out Frelle & Helen's Friday Social in the Clubhouse on Friday, March 13th & 27th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Bring an hors d'oeuvre/ finger food to share, your favorite libation, and don't forget your dancing shoes. We'll test your memory with some baby boomer trivia with a chance to win some fantastic prizes.

This is a great time to relax with friends, meet new neighbors, and listen to some oldies from the 50's, 60's, & 70's. This event is "ultra casual", so as you are and leave when you want. Did we mention that it's FREE! However, donations for \$1.00 are accepted to cover prizes. As our them song says, "Do a little dance, make a little love, get down tonight!" If it goes well this month, we'll schedule some more for next month. See you there!!

Regards,  
 Fred Almquist

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## THE LEGEND OF THE QUILT

You may have noticed the quilt hanging in the Board Room. It has quite a history that goes with it.

In 1984, there were 3 Craft Club ladies that started making hand stitched, quilted wall hanging. These ladies were Harriet Keene, Eleanor Stella, and Mabel Heagney. All stitches were made, lovingly, by hand. The quilt was worked on for 10 long years.

In 1994, there were 3 other Craft Club ladies that brought it to its completion. These ladies were, Netti Kite, Roxie Howard, and Betty Klutes. This quilt was a labor of love. The ladies worked on it for years and presented the finished piece of work to VHL. It was displayed for many years where it is now, for a short time in the game room, and then nearly lost forever to Hurricane Ian. The quilt was found 3 years or more later. Fortunately it was able to be cleaned and repaired. There were over 400 handmade stitches that had broken and needed repair. Thank you to current resident, Debbie Devitis for making those repairs. Now it hangs proudly where it started all those years ago. I hope you will take a minute to stop and see it and appreciate all the work it took to make it and restore it.

Submitted by Sharon Simmons

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Join your neighbors at our Snowbirds Springtime Send-off Spectacular! A warm and welcoming evening with great food, dancing and VHL Community spirit.

**Saturday March 28, 2026**  
Doors open at 5pm  
Dinner at 5:45 pm

**On The Menu:**  
Garden Salad  
Garlic Bread  
**Our Amazing Golden Baked Pork Loin**  
**GrandMa's Favorite Stuffing**  
Mashed Potatoes  
PaPa's Applesauce Gravy  
Pork Gravy  
Whole Kernel Corn  
Dessert— Homemade Carrot Cupcakes  
w/ Cream Cheese Frosting

Whether you're staying for the summer or leaving to go north, this is a good chance to say goodbye and enjoy a delicious homestyle meal together. We can't wait to celebrate with you.

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**Tickets go on sale at Coffee Hour Starting March 4th- \$20**

## CORNHOLE



Here are the winners of the **February Cornhole Tournament.**

**First Place:** Homer Logan (Left) & Steven Grobstick (Right).

**Second Place :** Mary Reeves (Center) & Janet Marrell (Center).

**Next Tournament is March 19 sign up from 10 to 11 start playing at 11. Burgers are ready between 10:30 & 11:00.**

## FLOWER COMMITTEE

**Get Well Cards & Thinking of You Cards Were Sent To:**

Gloria Fenech  
Carmella Mace  
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Carol Jordan  
Buster Valelli



**Sympathy Cards Were Sent To:**

John Hearn & Stacy Fitzpatrick for the passing of their brother Dave  
Carole Babik for the passing of her husband Jerry



Donations are made to a charity of the family's choice for every VHL owner who passes. Charities have included Salvation Army, Red Cross, Cancer Society and Meals on Wheels.

Please be sure and get in touch with me if you know of anyone who needs a Get-Well Card, Thinking of You Card or Sympathy Card. It just might help to brighten someone's day!!

At the individual's request, not all cards that are sent are posted.

**Regards,**

**Diane Piscopo**

**dianepiscopo@gmail.com | 603-494-6232 (call or text)**

## VHL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT



About 45 folks showed up for the first VHL Pickleball Tournament. Everyone played five games & had a great time. Another tournament is coming up soon probably on a Sunday this time. Look for further details on the bulletin board in the rec hall or at coffee.

Regards,

Kevin Cunningham & Dave Wallace

# HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF HOLIDAY LAKE -

*Re-capped by Barbara Balascio*

The 50th anniversary of the Village of Holiday Lake was in October 2025. For the benefit of those who did not hear my talk at coffee hour on 1/7/26 on the history of this Village, I am repeating that information and adding a little more. I plan on continuing to write highlights of the history in the Voice for the months of March and April. This History was written by resident Margaret Dey for our 25th anniversary in 1995.

In the beginning there was sand. This beautiful development was a sand pit with a puddle of water surrounded by palmettos and undergrowth. The year was 1975 and General Development Corporation had visions of a beautiful lake with mobile homes surrounding it. A dirt road with ruts for wheel tracks was the only access to view this desolate sight. Oh, how the salesmen must have painted a rosy picture for the future.

The Bretons from New Hampshire followed by the Longs from Massachusetts came in late 1975 and they too had visions of a beautiful village. They ordered their coaches and that was the beginning of Ratan Circle and the Village of Holiday Lake.

## 1976

The Bretons returned in January 1976 and spent a lonely winter until renters moved into a third coach purchased by the VanArsdells. The Longs moved in permanently later in the year and by then the Hakinsons, Jacksons, Greifensteins, Shurtleffs, Christies and Gerstlers had arrived. Seven full-time families made up the population for over a year. Our coach (Deys) was the second one in the park. It was set down next to the Bretons's in September 1975 and was then moved across the street to its present position, to become the first single model in the Village.

December 3rd, 1976, was a special day for us. We had been flown down from Canada by General Development to view our mobile home. We had purchased a lot sight unseen from General Development back in the early 1960's. The deal was the same that given to so many families, \$300 for the weekend, including air fare and hotel, and if you bought, the \$300 was deducted from the price of the mobile, and your weekend was free. The deal was signed and we flew back to Canada wondering what we had done.

## 1977

It was now 1977 and there were no streetlights anywhere, no recreation center, no laundry facilities and no cable TV (you could get three stations, if the

weather co-operated). Koffee Klatches were held on porches when the neighbors would get together. The only contact with General Development was through Karen Russell (later the first park manager). She came on Thursdays to an office in the trailer now across from our park entrance on R.R. 771, now known as Gasparilla Rd.

The Recreation Center, originally planned for the Adana area, was relocated to Loris Court by unanimous consent of all homeowners. Everyone was contacted and had a vote, even those who were up north. Spring was an exciting time. Ground was finally broken for the Recreation Center. Rumor has it there were many "Sidewalk Supervisors" to watch the progress and also to salvage any good left-over materials. In July, the Recreation Center was opened and the area around it was lit. There was a Gala for the Grand Opening hosted by General Development. It was a dress-up affair; the men wore their suits and ties. Karen Russell was the first manager of the Village of Holiday Lake. The Recreation Center became the mecca for all the social activities. The swimming pool was not officially open until months later but the heat and the temptation of the cool water were too much for the residents; they would sneak swims before Karen arrived and after she left. During the day, the men would congregate around the pool table. The women decided they were missing out on all the fun, so Karen instructed them in the art of shooting pool. That summer a tornado brushed the Village. A mobile home directly behind ours on Ratan Circle was lifted up and lay broken on its side.

Coffee hour on Wednesday mornings became a habit. Karen and a few of the women took turns baking goodies.

General Development gave permission to keep the Recreation Center open one evening a week, namely Thursdays, as that was the most convenient time for Karen. Soon monthly suppers were initiated with Karen doing most of the work. Later it was changed to covered dish suppers.

## 1978

Finally, January 1978 arrived and we were packed to head south. We were snowed in and had to leave the car packed and start out the next day. The next day we arrived at the Port Charlotte Welcome Center, one day late, to pick up our key on a Saturday afternoon. We spent about three hours waiting while they hunted for someone to find our key. At last, after what seemed like an eternity, we arrived at Holiday Lake. We had written ahead and had been expecting it on Friday afternoon. Low and behold, when we walked in, the stove was still sitting in the middle of the floor where it had been a year

before. The water was not connected, there was no power, and it was cold! We soon met our neighbors the Greifensteins and their daughter and son-in-law, Marion and Don Smith, who are the present owners. That was when this history was written; they have both since passed on. It wasn't long before, Don had an extension cord from their coach to ours, and we had light. A pail of water helped us to survive until Monday. We found out in a hurry what has made Holiday Lake such a wonderful place to live - neighbors such as these! We were all much younger in those days and considered Florida a "Holiday Vacation". We were full of energy and needed entertainment. We played pool, shuffleboard, swam and gossiped around the pool. We thought it would be fun to have a shuffleboard tournament and so talked Karen and General Development into providing a trophy. We had our tournament on a lovely, warm day in March, Bill and I were fortunate to win. General Development also provided us with popcorn and beer. In early April, the first "Awards Night" and Potluck Supper were held pool side. Karen presented us with a small trophy. Needless to say, that trophy still has a spot in our Florida Room. Once a month, Bill took our records and record player up to the Recreation Center and marked the beginning of the dances, free to all. It was time to try something new. Bingo was suggested but we had no cards. The Gardens of Gulf Cove Association agreed to loan us their cards so one morning either Bill Dey or Dick Long would drive over to Independence Village and pick up the cards. The following morning they would return them. Karen made a request to General Development for cards of our own and in due time they arrived.

History of the Village of Holiday Lake will be continued in the March Voice. John Hearn on Silage Circle has offered to reprint the entire History for \$9.00, including tax, if anyone is interested in having their own copy. The history covers the following years: 1975 - 1996. You may contact John Hearn at 518-312-8782.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3-5 Shirley Marken, Barbara Wynn
- 3-6 Arlene Jamieson, Jim Richards, Donna Delhanty
- 3-7 Shirley Trudeau, Judy Richards
- 3-8 Gerry Gilbert, Doris Kull
- 3-9 Max Aeschliman
- 3-10 Carmella Mace, Alan Marken, Shirley Satti
- 3-11 Karen Long
- 3-12 William Harrison, W. Clair Mattison, John Sanfacon
- 3-13 Elton Miller
- 3-14 Debra Thibault, Dave Hintz, Shirley Patton
- 3-15 Jeanne Hay, James Glutting
- 3-16 Robin (Robert) Joslin, Donald Rainville, David Delorm
- 3-17 Diane Petterson, Cindy Binkley
- 3-18 Dorothy Petrosky, Mary Ann Patrick
- 3-19 Jeff Martire, Roger Eklove
- 3-20 Ron Uecker, Maggie Hilliard, Duane Keck, John Reilly
- 3-21 Maureen Meyer
- 3-22 Philip Stone
- 3-25 Roberta Jago
- 3-26 Eileen Brown
- 3-27 David Gutkowski, Jared Leinart, Marie Nardi
- 3-28 Kathy Hilton, Melinda Lefebvre, Betsy Page
- 3-30 Dorothy Lebeau, Ian Newton
- 3-31 Sibylle Tribbeck

## THANK YOU VHL!

Tim and Lori Geer, the Sylvan Beach South team and our many dear friends from other cities and states, all want to thank everyone for coming out and celebrating another successful and fun pre-NFL Championship Party. We think it was a great day to be with good friends, good food and an awesome band, with great weather too! Also thank you to everyone for helping setting up, cleaning up, and taking down tents. It was definitely a VHL TEAM effort. We are pleased to announce that with all the generous donations we received, we have happily provided a check to our VHL recreation committee for future common ground improvements in amount of \$1,607.32. Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 14, 2027, to join us for another pre-NFL Championship party with Tin Can Tourist Band, who have happily agreed to play again for our celebration! Thank you VHL friends!

Regards,  
Lori Geer

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Coffee Hour	Diane Disano	941-662-6791
Cribbage	Eileen Brown / Doreen Andrews	413-824-8281 / 339-223-0014
Discussion Group	Max Plamondon	810-513-7322
Euchre	Beverly Wallace	419-346-2117
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