LAZY DAYS VILLAGE

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## *From your LDPOA President*

Welcome back to those who have returned in the last month. The season is ready to bust loose so come join the fun. We are currently looking to replace the floors in the North and South Halls. Each will take several days and will be planned around events as best we can. This will be fully funded through the reserves. Through our relationship with North Fort Myers Fire Department and the CERT Team we will again participate in the local annual toy drive. There will be collection boxes at the North and South Hall starting in November. There will be a safety presentation on November 9 after Meet & Greet at 9am. There will be smoke detector give-a-ways. There is a special LDPOA meeting for members on November 19th following the LDPOA Board meeting. The purpose is to vote on the new Annual Budget. Details will be mailed with your Proxy voting materials. We have always struggled to have our residents comply with building and plantings in the easements. Several times this year the power company struggled to get equipment to the poles that the failed transformers were mounted on. Therefore, the compliance committee will be tasked with identifying all homes that have unauthorized items in the easements. Remember alteration request forms must be submitted when you want to expand outside the envelope of the existing home or replace anything in the easements. Don't hesitate to reach out to me at any time. My contact information is 239-291-8357 and my email is lloydcshipley@gmail.com.

**Lloyd Shipley, LDPOA President**

## *From your ROLDI President*

Greetings, Lazy Days Friends and Neighbors! Last month we held our first-ever Dice Run, and what a fun time it was! It's always great to try something new, especially when everyone has such a good time. Coming up in November is our Veterans Dinner and Service. We hope everyone will attend as we take time to honor those who have served our country. Tickets are available from Kathy Newcomb or Janet Shipley, so be sure to get yours. Some Changes Around the North Hall! The next time you walk into the North Hall, you'll notice we've rearranged the tables. We're hoping everyone likes the new setup! Instead of sitting in long, straight rows, you'll now be able to visit and carry on a conversation with all ten people at your table. No more shouting down the line to see what someone at the other end is talking about! The new arrangement also gives us a lot more room to move around. We've maintained approximately the same 90 seats, and as an added bonus, we've even gained a little more dance floor! Speaking of the dance floor, we've purchased 150 new LED twinkle lights! This will allow us to light up the entire dance floor, along with the area back by the kitchen. We're looking forward to seeing everything sparkle! A Little Housekeeping The bulletin boards in both halls are there for everyone to use. Feel free to post notices, items for sale or rent, and other information. However, all notices must be dated and may remain posted for only 30 days. Anything without a date or older than 30 days will be removed. And while we're talking about housekeeping, here's a friendly reminder: Please don't leave food in the refrigerators after your events! Some of the leftovers seem to develop a full head of hair, and believe me, they don't look good or smell any better! Let's keep those refrigerators clean for everyone. Volunteers Needed! We have enough volunteers to lock up the hall through the end of this year, but we need volunteers beginning in January 2027. If you can help out, please let me know. A little help from everyone makes a big difference. Keep Up With What's Happening! Don't forget to check the ROLDI Activities Facebook page. That's where we post flyers for all our upcoming special events. Also, keep an eye on your newsletter calendar and the activities happening around the park. There's always

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something going on! Lazy Larry Has Retired! Yes, it's official! Our original Lazy Larry has finally decided to retire. After years of faithful service, he's earned a little rest. But don't worry, a new Lazy Larry is already on the job, keeping watch over the park! If anyone is interested in owning the original Lazy Larry, please get in touch with me. We're putting together a list of interested people and will probably hold a silent auction. Here's your chance to own a little piece of Lazy Days history! Cornhole Is Back! This fall, we'll be playing cornhole on Mondays at 1:00 PM. It seems to be getting more and more popular, and we're always happy to see new players join in. Whether you're an expert or can't hit the board, come on out and have some fun! Welcome Back, Everyone! We're looking forward to seeing more of our snowbird friends shuffling back into Lazy Days over the coming weeks. We hope everyone has a wonderful winter season with us, filled with friendship, laughter, good times, and plenty of activities. Remember, Lazy Days is what we all make it, and it's the people who make this such a special place to spend the winter.

**Gene Kelly, ROLDI President**

## ***From your Park Manager***

Hello Lazy Days family!

The 2026/2027 "season" has started with the arrival of many of our dear returning snowbirds and while it missed us a Hurricane for Florida! With the start of season, we have also begun to have the monthly board meetings in accordance with the by-laws of the association. Speaking of Bylaws, it was a busy summer, and this important document has been reviewed and amended by committee for the 3rd time since I arrived, although the 2025 committee did not submit recommendations. The Bylaws of the Association govern how the members operate the community and the proposed changes are on the website for members to access and review. I know there will be some meetings organized over the next couple of months to ensure all questions can be answered prior to the vote in January. The 2027 budget has been prepared, and members will be voting on it in November. There are NO proposed increases so I know the Budget Committee was happy about that and hope that members will approve it. There will be a Special membership Meeting on November 19th at 11:00 a.m. which of course only members in good standing can attend. As you return to the community, please do not forget to sign in at the office. It is not just to say "hi" to me but to ensure I can give accurate info to emergency service if it is ever required and of course, so any mailing sent is to the correct address. Some of you still prefer coupons for your payments and last year at least 30 coupon packages were returned to the office as address unknown or incorrect. Speaking of coupons if you do not require them please let me know before Dec as they are ordered after the budget is approved. Well, it is about to be Turkey Season, and I sincerely want to wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving.

**Jan Provence CAM CMCA Community Manager**

## ***Proxy, Limited Proxy and Ballots – a simple explanation.***

Ballots are typically used for elections and are secret. That means they are sealed in a blind envelope (no name on the outside) which is kept sealed until opened during a meeting and counted in view of all attendees at the meeting. Some communities have nominations committees open and count and some ask volunteers in the room. Occasionally there could be a question that arises in a membership meeting that requires a vote during the meeting. At that time, it can be a simple all-in favor vote yea or nay vote is typical. On VERY rare occasions a member may request a more secret vote by ballot. In the case of a ballot vote, a slip would be distributed one per voting shareholder and a box to put the votes would be provided. Then, after the voting by all present (including any proxy holders who would be given extra voting slips for each proxy they hold) the votes would be counted by volunteers from the attendees. HOWEVER, a ballot vote in a membership meeting cannot be on any item that requires specific notice like document changes (as per statute) or unbudgeted expenditures.

**Proxies are NOT secret.**

Limited proxies are used where there are specific questions to be answered, and they give absentee members a chance to be included. All members are given an opportunity to vote on each specific question. They are typically counted by management or board members as they arrive so that the result can be quickly released at the meeting. General proxies are used to gather a quorum and ONLY if there is an item on the agenda that requires a vote would the proxy holder get to vote. Sadly, these matters are often confusing and cause discord at membership meetings. Please remember your Board and management have a fiduciary duty to protect membership and the community, and all ballots and proxies are kept and can be reviewed by any member after a meeting to ensure transparency and the integrity of any vote held.

**Jan Provence CAM CMCA**

## ***Community Manger***

***From your Editorial Staff***

This is our 3rd finished copy of your monthly newsletter. We would like to thank you for all your kind words of encouragement and lovely comments about the new and improved newsletter. We are enjoying exploring what works and what doesn't. We are not perfect and never will be, but we will strive to give you a newsletter that is full of useful information and entertaining. If you have any ideas on something you would like to see or committee leaders that have new information or if you would like to highlight a particular event, please let us know. Wishing all our Lazy Days neighbors a Thanksgiving filled with gratitude, friendship, and plenty of reasons to smile!

**New Residents**

Lazy Day's, happy days and healthy days, makes every day a great day! My husband Steve and I are so very happy to be part of this Community. A little bit about me... I've been a Group Fitness Instructor for 40 years, I've taught all different kinds of classes over the years, enjoying them all. I've reached out to Barb Joseph and will be available to teach here in Lazy Days. I'm excited about the opportunity to meet more people here and have a positive impact. Fitness is a lifelong journey of self-love, self-care and self-discovery.

**By Donna Klebolt 622 Vista**

## ***POKENO – MONDAY NIGHT FUN!***

Every Monday at 6:30 PM South Hall – All Year Long! Have you tried POKENO yet? If not, you're missing out on a whole lot of fun! We play using a special board featuring playing cards. Players take turns calling cards from a deck while everyone marks their boards with chips, buttons, or whatever they prefer. Don't have chips? No problem! Chips are available at the hall for everyone to use. All you need to bring is $1.50 in pennies and one quarter! With six different ways to win each hand, there's always plenty of excitement! Come join your neighbors for an evening filled with laughter, friendly competition, and good company. You might just find yourself wondering why you didn't join us sooner! For more information, contact Karen Littlejohn – 630-788-50141

## ***BINGO – THURSDAY NIGHT FUN!***

Every Thursday at 6:30 PM South Hall – All Year Long! Looking for a fun and affordable way to spend your Thursday evenings? Come join us for BINGO! Our games are called using a computerized system and displayed on a big-screen TV, making it easy for everyone to follow along. We offer lots of games, low prices, and awesome payouts! There's always something exciting happening, and you never know when you might be our next big winner! And let's not forget the delicious treats! Our wonderful players generously bring goodies to share, making the evening even sweeter. Bingo is about more than winning. It's a great opportunity to visit with neighbors, make new friends, and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. We hope to see you there! For more information, contact: Marion Nester – 443-293-2841

## ***Bible Study***

Everyone is Welcome!

Join us every Monday at 7:00 PM for fellowship, refreshments, and an in-depth, verse-by-verse study of God's Word. Meeting Locations: First Monday of each month: Home of Doris Mapes, 697 Dream Lane. All other Mondays: North Hall. Our study is led by Rev. Carl Kaspick, a semi-retired pastor and former Bible College/ Seminary professor. Everyone is invited, whether you live in Lazy Days or elsewhere. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook as we grow together in faith, friendship, and our love for Christ. We look forward to welcoming you!

## ***Library***

***Judy Young – Librarian***

Are you aware we have a nicely stocked library? You will find books galore and many jigsaw puzzles in the library. The library is in the south hall. Please do not re-shelve books that you return just place them in the "Return Books Here" or you find pieces missing from puzzles or books that are badly damage just place them in the box which is on the shelf located on the poolside. Judy will take care of its disposal. Happy reading!

## ***Coming Events***

***By Cathy Sims***

**Broadway Palms**

Hello to my Lazy Days neighbors and friends. This is Cathy Sims and I am your Broadway Palm representative. It was challenging to come up with dates that did not interfere with the cruise and Trash & Treasure and their matinee dates. For our new neighbors who may not know, the Broadway Palm Shows are Matinees with

the doors opening at 11:30 am. The theatre is about 20 minutes away (depending on traffic) located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard, Ft. Myers, Florida. Find a neighbor and carpool if you want. The cost this year is $80.00 per person, which includes a lunch buffet, tax, tip, and the show, of course. Alcoholic beverages are available for purchase.

Oklahoma is set for Friday February 5, 2027. This groundbreaking Rodgers & Hammerstein classic follows spirited farm girl Laurey and confident cowboy Curly as love blossoms against the backdrop of a growing territory on the brink of statehood. Featuring beloved songs like Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin' and People Will Say We're in Love, this Vibrant musical celebrates community, hope, and the pioneering spirit that built the American West. I will need your money by January 8, 2027, for Oklahoma.

**Cash or check payable to Broadway Palm.**

Grease is set for Wednesday March 3, 2027. Step back into the halls of Rydell High with Grease, the smash hit musical that defined a generation. As Danny and Sandy struggle to balance image and identity, their friends chase cars, crashes, and dreams of growing up. With a hip-shaking rock 'n' roll score featuring hits such as Summer Nights, Grease Lightnin, and We Go Together. I will need your money by February 2, 2027, for Grease. Cash or check payable to Broadway Palm. To reserve your tickets, message me on Facebook Messenger, text or call me at 740-503-7189. If you call and I should not answer, leave a message and I will call you back. Either way, I will confirm your request. Please do not tell me in passing, I will forget! I will need your name, your phone number, your house number in Lazy Days and the number of tickets you are requesting. I will be back in Lazy Days mid-November to start accepting your payments. I am looking forward to these enjoyable afternoons with you at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre!

## ***Men's Dart ball***

***By Keith Sims***

As the snowbirds return, our activities will start up again. One of those activities is men's Dart ball. Dart ball is a traditional American game that combines the rules of baseball with throwing a large feather-fletched metal-tip darts using an underhand motion. The target board is painted like a baseball diamond, divided into sections representing singles, doubles, home runs, strikes, balls and outs. This activity takes place at the South Hall on Tuesday evenings from 7 pm to approximately 8:30 pm. As your new Dart ball commissioner, I would like to thank Buzzy Dunham for his many years of service and dedication as the previous commissioner. We would like to recruit more players to participate in this activity. There will be an open practice night on Tuesday December first from 7-8 pm. Come out and join us to see if It's something you might be interested in doing and meet other guys from Lazy Days. Dart ball season will run from December 8, 2026, to March 16, 2027. Rest assured, none of us are professionals—we're simply here to have fun!







## ***CORNHOLE IS COMING***

Bob Arnold will be heading up Cornhole beginning Monday, November 16th – 1PM at the north hall. All are welcome – men and women alike. It will be a learning experience for all involved so come on down with the idea of just having fun. Those over 80 will have a slight benefit of standing a little closer. We will figure out the rules and, possibly, teams out as we go along. Maybe by January we can even get a little competitive! ROLDI has purchased 2 sets of boards over the summer and ArchWell has donated a set. These sets are regulation size while we also have 2 sets that are slightly smaller in size but, while we are learning and having fun, they will work just fine. Hope to see a great turnout for our new activity!

## ***VETERAN'S DAY DINNER***

Wednesday, November 11th is Veteran's Day we will have dinner at 5PM followed by a brief time of honoring our Lazy Days' Veterans. Tickets for this event are a donation of $10 per person with the Veterans free. Tickets are currently on sale and the cutoff date is Sunday, November 8th. (Veteran's will need to get your free tickets as well to be counted.) Kathy Newcomb, Tammy Hillman and Jan Shipley will have tickets for sale as well as the free Veteran tickets. Purchasing your tickets ahead of time is your only means of attending. Unfortunately, last year several people signed up, did not pay ahead of time and then did not come. As we must order the food according to how many are coming, we will not count you in unless you have paid. The menu is: sliced beef, pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread and banana pudding for dessert

## ***Fitness Schedule***

***By Barb Joseph***

Fitness Classes

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:45 am to 9:30 am, there are opportunities for anyone to join for fitness and fun! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED FOR any of these classes!

Simply show up, wearing comfortable, non-restrictive clothing.

Mondays Pilates: These are graduated challenging exercises intended to build core strength and stability, along with balance.

Wednesdays: Feature a new Strength Training class, using light weights and TheraBand's.

Fridays: Are our ever-popular Chair Yoga classes. Barb Joseph will be leading all 3 classes.

And do we ever have fun!! Come out and join! Questions? Contact Barb Joseph

## ***December Sing a Long***

***By Rhonda Sandoval***

Come one, come all and bring your voices! Join us for our "Festive Christmas Sing-Along" bring your holiday cheer, along with your favorite snacks and beverages, and let's sing our favorite seasonal songs together. Date: December 13th,2026. Time: 7:00pm to 8:00 pm Place: North Hall

## ***Trash and Treasure***

***By Shawn Sterne***

I am Shawn Sterne, and I am your chairwoman for our 2027 Trash to Treasure scheduled for February 12 & 13. Yes - this date IS different than usual due to our Lazy Days group cruise, which many volunteers (myself included) will be going on. As we all start arriving at our winter homes, it's one of the most popular times of year to clean out and upgrade, so you will be glad to know that we are ready to start picking up donations for this season's sale! As you have items to pick up, please feel free to text, call or email me, and I will get you scheduled for our next available pick-up date. Pickups will start in November every Monday and Wednesdays from 10:00am – 12:00. I can be reached at 812-568-0849 by call or text, or via email at shawnlyn72@yahoo.com Here's hoping for another great year!

## ***Annual Lazy Days Craft Show***

***By Kat Newcomb***

The craft show will be on December 5th this year. I hope all my Lazy Days vendors are busy making your crafts. All the indoor tables have been sold for some time now, but I have plenty of outdoor space available if you still need a space or know of someone who does. Resident tables are $10.00 non-residents are $20.00. Barb Joseph will once again oversee the bakery table so if you are a baker let her know that you are willing to help. I'm excited and looking forward to another great sale

## ***HOLDAY TOY COLLECTION***

Once again, our park will participate in the holiday toy collection. Collection boxes will be available in the north hall, south hall and front office by November 1st and will be there until approximately December 15th. The toys are all distributed through CERTS, the North Fort Myers Fire Department and a local church to local families in need. Our residents were very generous last year, and we hope that your spirit of giving will continue into this year. Gifts should be unwrapped and appropriate for infants up

through 17 years of age. No gift cards or cash please. More information will be available after the CERTS meeting on November 4th. Watch notices on Facebook and/or an email from the office with any updates. Thank you all in advance for making Lazy Days a top contributor to this worthwhile program.

## ***THANKSGIVING DINNER***

Thursday, November 26th, 3:00 PM North Hall ROLDI is pleased to once again provide Thanksgiving dinner for all Lazy Days residents and renters! On the Menu Turkey and/or ham, mashed potatoes, and gravy. Please Bring: A generous side dish to share or a dessert. Desserts should be delivered to North Hall by 2:00 PM. Table service will be provided. Guests are welcome for $5 per person. SIGN-UP REQUIRED Sign-up sheets are available at both North Hall and South Hall. Please sign up on ONE sheet only. Signing up is essential so we can prepare enough food for everyone. Come enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving meal with your friends and neighbors!

## ***Ladies Luncheon***

***By Tammie Hillman***

Ladies, come and join us for a fun afternoon of great food and conversation. We will be going to Cape Cabaret 4725 Vincennes Blvd, Cape Coral Fl 33904 November 12th, 2026, We will meet at the South Hall at 11:30 There will be a flyer on Facebook that you can be put on the list as time draws near. Or you can contact Tammie Hillman via text at 239-229-2722

## ***Dances This Month***

November 14th 7:00 pm with Tammy Truitt. Theme is "Once upon a Dream" PJ Party come dressed in your PJ's, robes, and slippers.

November 28th 7:00 pm with Paul Mesich Theme is Casino Night wear your dice, hearts, diamonds, etc.

## ***October Dice Run and Firepit***

***By Pauline Prideaux***

The village had its first Dice Run at the end of September. The crew got the house hosts and participants all set up with the dice run supplies. Hosts got their basket with dice and participants got their score sheets to bring on the run. All the 7 hosts were scattered throughout the park having a drink or goodie of some sort to make the stop fun or interesting. There were about 30 villagers in the run, and they all met back at the hall to have the Dice team add up the numbers. Some brought their leftover goodies to share and then the winners were announced. Big rollers were Travis Hensley, Nancy Chandler, Bobbie Krause, and Tina Lare and the big loser was Prentice Quinn the night was topped off with Lloyd putting a fire pit together. The next Dice will be November 22nd.

## ***November Dice Run***

This month's dice run will be November 22nd at 6:00 North Hall. We will once again need 7 host homes. Entry fee is $5.00 Signup sheets will be in both halls on November 5th.



## ***Other Important Dates***

November 2nd First ROLDI meeting of the season pm north hall 7:00pm

November 2nd Coffee Meet and Greet 8:00am south hall starts

November 6th $5.00 Meal Deal starts North Hall 5:15pm

November 7th First Ladies breakfast place and time to be announced

November 9h Safety Presentation 9:00am South Hall

November 11th Veterans Day Dinner 5:00pm North Hall

November 17th Potluck North Hall 5:00pm

November 19th LDPOA Board 10:00am South Hall

November 19th LDPOA Special Member Mtg 11:30am South Hall

November 21st Ladies Breakfast place and time to be announced

November 26th Thanksgiving Dinner 3:00pm North Hall

November 29th Christmas Tree lighting 6:00pm Gazebo

*See your Weekly Village Activities in the back of the newsletter for other activities and times.

## ***Shell of the month***

***By Pauline Prideaux***








Reticulated Cowry Helmet

The reticulated Cowry helmet is a pretty, medium sized shell that can grow up to 3.5 inches. This shell is a heavy domed shaped shell resembling a combat helmet. It has mottled shades of dark brown, golden yellow, tan and white on a grid-like pattern of ribs and grooves. The opening (aperture) is an elongated, narrow opening with brownish orange ridges or teeth lining its white outer lip. This little beauty can be found along the Atlantic coast of North Carolina to the Florida Gulf Coast, including the Caribbean to northern Brazil. This helmet shell also makes a meal of sea urchins along the rocky shores and sandy shallow waters as deep as 195 ft. I found my one and only reticulated cowry helmet on the beach in Puerto Rico. Because it was found instead of bought, it is believed that the sea "gifted it to me" meaning the spirit guides offer protection of emotional peace and mental space. In 1985, the USPS issued a 22-cent stamp for the reticulated cowry helmet shell.

## ***Pet of the Month***

***By Gene Kelly***

Pet of the Month – Meet Ci Ci!



This month's Pet of the Month is Ci Ci, an adorable 13-month-old pug, who belongs to Barb and Mike Finlayson. Ci Ci is one lucky little girl! She even has her very own doghouse right in the living room. After her nightly walk, she heads straight into her little house and settles in until Mom or Dad decides it's bedtime. Then, wouldn't you know it, off she goes to the big bed! After all, why sleep alone when you can take over Mom and Dad's bed? Her favorite toy is a pink ball, which provides plenty of entertainment. Now, let's talk about Ci Ci's education. She attended two weeks of obedience school and even graduated! Quite an accomplishment for such a young pup. However, Dad Mike says the schooling didn't do a thing! It used to be quite a sight watching Barb take Ci Ci for her morning walks. Everything would be going along just fine until Ci Ci decided she was done walking. And when Ci Ci decided to stop, apparently that was the end of the discussion! So much for that fancy education!

But one thing is certain: Ci Ci is a lovable little pug with a personality all her own.

So, the next time you see Barb out walking Ci Ci, be sure to stop and say hello. Ci Ci loves attention, and

## ***Veterans Corner***

***By Janet Shipley***

Being that Veteran's Day is in November, I have not chosen a single veteran to write about but, instead, we want to thank all our Veteran's. Our park is blessed to have 50 Veterans living amongst us. You all have our heartfelt respect and gratitude for the sacrifices you have given to our country! Ron Adams; Bob Bailey; Michael Burt; Bob Busker; Tony Cerer; Dan Converse; Larry Discher; Buzz Dunham; Marvin Eastman; Art Edwards; Nick Gangali; Jim Gooch; Larry Hall; Norm Harding; Dan Harrow; Travis Hensley; Lesslie Holmes; Wayne Inman; Rom Jimerson; Tom Jobes; Richard Johnson; Rickie Johnson; Carl Kaspik; Terry Kreymer; Butch Masters; Lyle McGrath; Frank Metzger; David Mulholland; Larry Murdock; Tom Murray; Darryl Murry; Max Nelson; Michael Nester; James Nuzzo; Mario Ortiz; Mary Overturf; Andre Poirer; Thomas Powell; William

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And we're forever in your debt.
You served us well and made us proud
And we will never, ever forget.

Merissa Lee Kelley

Disclaimer – This is the third year I have attempted to compile a complete list of the veterans in our park. If I have left your name off the list, I do apologize but it is only because you have not given me your information. We want to acknowledge ALL our Veteran's. Please help by contacting me so you will be included in the future.

## *Health and Safety Tips*

***By John Moors***

Keeping your clothes dryer clean and safe to use is something often forgotten. It is sometimes difficult to inspect and clean. It is essential to follow suggested guidelines on cleaning and inspection. Ask for or hire a professional if you need help. Clean your lint filter before or after every load. Inspect and clean your vent pipe at least once a year to maintain proper airflow and prevent overheating. There are products sold at most "big box stores" to assist in the latter. A vent flap is recommended over a screened flap. This ensures minimal buildup of lint when exiting the vent pipe. A rigid exhaust pipe is recommended. Never use thin plastic flexible vent pipe as this can trap lint and easily catch fire. Dryers should be plugged directly into a dedicated 240-volt wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord. Check the wiring annually for cracks, fraying or damage. Do not overload your dryer. DO NOT DRY CLOTHES WHEN LEAVING OR WHILE SLEEPING. If a dryer fire does occur, call 911 and get out and stay out.




## *From your CERT Leader*

***by John T. Moors***

Lazy Days Village Community Emergency Response Team meets monthly to discuss training updates and programs offered by North Fort Myers Community Emergency Response Team. There are 20 individual CERT teams that make up North Fort Myers CERT with over 260 individual members. NFMCERT leaders meet the first Wednesday of every month, September thru May. LDVCERT members meet the Thursday following this meeting. LDVCERT is offering a Safety Seminar w/ Smoke alarm install presented by NFM Fire District and NFMCERT. The program will be presented, Monday, November 9th immediately after Monday Morning Coffee, in the South Hall. It will include various home safety tips and giveaways, discussion on fire extinguishers and smoke alarms. Those attending can sign up for a free smoke alarm installation at the conclusion of the seminar. It will last approximately 30 minutes. LDVCERT will be offering additional programs throughout the upcoming season.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

## *What's Happening*

***By Tina Lare***

Lee County Happenings and Beyond Let's Give Thanks! November is jammed packed!

**Lee County:**

**Ft. Myers**

**November 19-23** Stars, Stripes & Sand 10am-5pm

Fort Myers Beach is having their Sand Sculpting Championship This is near DiamondHead Beach Resort and throughout!

I am so sure this is Spectacular!

**November 6** JetBlue Park 11500 Fenway South Drive.

The Fair at Fenway is going on for the weekends of 11-6 to 11-22-2026 Family shows, magic, high wire acts and a giant petting zoo!

**November 7** Del Tura Golf & Country Club 9am-1pm Holiday Craft Fair & Bake Sale- A little bit for everyone!

60+ vendors will be there! Bake sale proceeds to to Community CERT

**November 14** SWFL Pickle Fest! Battle Bros @ Mike Greenwell Regional Park 12p-9p 11831 Bayshore Rd. NFM Looks interesting for sure.

**November 27** Fort Myers Turkey Trot 5K run or wobble 7am

This event will start & finish at Edison & Ford Estates 2350 McGregor Blvd. Ft. Myers

**November 27 & 28th** Holiday Craft Fair at the Bell Tower Shops in Ft. Myers 13499 Rt. 41- Cleveland Ave. 10am-3pm

Arts and crafts, Black Friday deals.

**November 21** Eagles Landing @ Sable Springs hosts weekly bands! Tina Solomon will have everyone on their toes playing on the 21st and Bandstand will be keeping everyone hopping on November 28th.

3410 Clubview Dr. NFM Reservations Recommended 239-731-8975

**Cape Coral Happenings**

**November 1** A Salute to Service and Sacrifice!

Sunday Noon-3pm Cape Coral Museum of History 544 Cultural Park Blvd.

A celebration to honor and celebrate Active Duty, Veterans and their Families!

**November 7** Cape Coral Veterans Day Parade 11am-1:30pm This event is the Best one I have seen! It really is a Must See! Cape Coral Pkwy to Chester St. 4533 Coronodo

**November 7** Holiday Craft Fair Cape Coral Moose Club 2199 7:30am- Noon 155 Santa Barbara Blvd.Cape Coral

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**November 11** Downtown Cape Coral Vendors and Food Trucks Event 6-9pm 909 SE 47th Terr. Cape Coral. Something for everyone!

**Punta Gorda Happenings**

**November 7 & 8th** Florida International Air Show Punta Gorda Airport 9am Aerial performances begin at noon. Rain or shine.

Civilian jets and aerobatics! I bet its something to see for sure!

All proceeds go to local charities and ran by all volunteers! Pretty Cool!

**November Tuesdays** Bagpipes on the Beach

Every Tuesday @ 6:30pm Sunset Pipes and Drums play at Fisherman's Village on Sunset Beach. Bagpipes begin playing one hour before sunset, creating the perfect soundtrack as the sun goes down. Bring your favorite chair and grab a drink!!

**November 20-22nd** Pirates, Parrots & Paradise 11am-7pm Laishley Park 100 Nesbit St. Punta Gorda

Countless treasures, Boutique shopping, live music, food trucks!

**November 21 & 22** Christmas Countdown Arts & Crafts 10am-3pm Charlotte Harbor Event Center 75 Taylor St. Punta Gorda

Free admission and parking! 130 vendors featuring an incredible variety of crafters, artisans, talented artists and more!

## *November Restaurant Review*

***By Kat Newcomb***

**Buckingham Farms**

12931 Orange River Blvd, Fort Myers, Fl 33905– A Taste of the Country!

If you're looking for a little taste of country living without traveling too far from home, Buckingham Farms in Fort Myers is a delightful place to visit! It is tucked away in the Buckingham area, with its farm-to-table meals it offers a refreshing change from your typical restaurant experience. It has a relaxed country atmosphere, with beautiful surroundings, and emphasis on fresh, locally grown ingredients, it's a wonderful spot to enjoy a leisurely meal. The ladies in the park have had several outings here for breakfast and lunch. It is a lovely place to start your morning. Whether you're in the mood for a hearty country-style breakfast or something a little lighter, the farm setting makes breakfast feel like a special outing. It's a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends, enjoy a cup of coffee, and ease into the day. Lunch is another reason to visit. With an emphasis on fresh ingredients and seasonal produce, the menu features a variety of salads, sandwiches, and other flavorful selections. The farm-to-table approach adds a special touch to the dining experience. One of the nicest things about Buckingham Farms is the atmosphere. There's something special about escaping the hustle and bustle, enjoying the farm-like setting while looking at whatever crops are being grown at the time. It's casual, welcoming, and just a little different from your everyday restaurant. Buckingham Farms is also known for its farm market, where visitors may find fresh produce and locally inspired goodies to take home.

Kat's Take: Whether you're meeting friends for breakfast, enjoying a leisurely lunch, or simply looking for somewhere new to explore, Buckingham Farms is worth keeping in mind. Happy Dining!

**House of Omelets**

900 SW Pine Island Rd Cape Coral Fl 33991

If you're looking for a great place to enjoy a hearty breakfast or a delicious lunch, House of Omelets in Cape Coral is definitely worth a visit! As the name suggests, omelets are the stars of the show! With a wide variety of combinations, from traditional ham and cheese to loaded creations filled with fresh vegetables, meats, and cheeses. The portions are huge, so be sure to arrive hungry! Don't let the name fool you. House of Omelets offers much more than omelets. Breakfast lovers will find plenty of tempting choices, including fluffy pancakes, golden French toast, waffles, eggs cooked to order. The ladies in the park have enjoyed breakfast here several times. And we have never walked away hungry or disappointed. We have never had lunch there, but I'm betting lunch is just as fantastic. They offer a selection of sandwiches, burgers, salads. The atmosphere is casual, comfortable, and welcoming, making it a nice spot to gather with friends and neighbors over a leisurely breakfast or lunch. It's the kind of place where you can enjoy good old-fashioned comfort food without a lot of fuss.

Kat's Take: If you love breakfast, especially a good omelet, give House of Omelets a try. Bring your appetite, invite a friend, and enjoy a delicious start to your day!

## *Gardening Tips*

November Gardening

November is one of the best months for gardening in southwest Florida.

Cool Season Vegetables Kale, Lettuce, Radishes, Carrots, Green onions Herb Garden Parsley, Dill, Thyme, Rosemary, Chives Winter Flowers Petunias Snapdragons Dianthus Alyssum

Five November Reminders

1. Water wisely, cooler weather means less water.
2. Use good potting mix Florida's sanding soil doesn't hold nutrients well.
3. Watch the Sun. Vegetables need at least 6 hours of direct sun. Leafy greens will tolerate some afternoon shade.
4. Fertilize lightly. Use it appropriately for vegetables or flowers.
5. Keep an eye on pest. Aphids, caterpillars, whiteflies, can still appear during our warmer November days.

For our limited space think about going vertically. Pallets make a great vertical garden. Or hanging baskets.



## *KITCHEN CORNER*

### CRACK CHICKEN CASSEROLE

***Shared by Tina Lare***

**INGREDIENTS**

- 3 cups cooked chicken, shredded or diced
- 8 oz cream cheese softened
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 packet (1 oz) ranch seasoning mix
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- Cooking spray for baking dish

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Lightly grease a 9 x 13-inch baking dish. In a large bowl, combine softened cream cheese, sour cream, ranch seasoning, garlic powder, and black pepper. Stir in cooked chicken, 1 cup cheddar cheese, half the bacon, and half the green onions. Spread mixture evenly into baking dish. Sprinkle remaining 1 cup of cheddar cheese and remaining bacon on top. Bake 375 uncovered for 25–30 minutes, bubbly and the center reaches 165°F. Sprinkle with remaining green onions. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

### Cheese-Topped Grilled Tomatoes

***Shared by Ruth Ann Klinger***

- 4 plum tomatoes, cut lengthwise in half.
- 1/4 cup Lite Italian Dressing
- 1/2 cup shredded low-moisture part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 2 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh herbs: basil, chives, and/or parsley

**Instructions**:

Heat grill to medium-high heat. Place tomatoes cut side up in an 8-inch square foil pan sprayed with cooking spray. Drizzle with dressing, top with cheeses, place pan on the grill grate. Grill 10 to 12 minutes or until mozzarella is melted and tomatoes are heated thoroughly. Sprinkle with herbs.

### Crab Dip

***Shared by Kat Newcomb***

**Ingredients**

- 2 cups of imitation crab meat
- 2 8oz blocks of cream cheese
- ½ cup sour cream
- ½ cup green onions
- ½ cup cheddar cheese
- ½ cup mozzarella cheese
- 1 ½ tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Squirt lemon juice

**Instructions**

Add all mixer to mix and break up crab meat ingredients to a large bowl and use

Pour into a sprayed casserole dish. Bake 350 degree for 20-30 minutes until hot and bubbly. Serve with tortilla chips or crackers

### Chewy Peanut Butter Oatmeal Bars

***Shared By LouAnn Upton***

**Ingredients**

- 3/4 cup of butter, softened
- ¾ cup extra crunchy peanut butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1½ cups old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon of baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 (14oz) can condensed milk
- 1 cup candy coated M&M's

**Instructions**

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease or line an 8-by-8-inch baking pan with parchment paper.

Mix wet ingredients. Beat butter, peanut butter, brown sugar, and vanilla until fluffy. Stir in oats, flour, baking soda, and salt until just combined. (Reserve 1 cup for topping) Spread into your prepared pan. Combine condensed milk and peanut butter in a medium bowl mix until smooth spread evenly over dough. Crumble reserved dough over top. Sprinkle candies over the top. Bake for 35 minutes, until golden brown. Cool completely before cutting into squares. Use old-fashioned oats, not instant oatmeal.

## Blueberry Lemon Ricotta Friendship Bread Scones

*Shared by Shawn Sterne*

These delicious homemade scones combine juicy blueberries, creamy ricotta cheese, and the refreshing flavor of fresh lemons. Made with Amish Friendship Bread starter, they're wonderfully moist and tender. Perfect for breakfast, brunch, or an afternoon treat with coffee or tea!

Preparation Time: 15 minutes - Baking Time: 18–22 minutes - Total Time: Approximately 37 minutes

**Ingredients**

- 1 cup Amish Friendship Bread starter
- 1 large egg
- ½ cup ricotta cheese
- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- ¼ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons grated lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract (optional)
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2½ cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 1 cup blueberries, fresh or frozen

**Directions**

Set your oven to 425°F. Prepare a baking sheet by covering it with parchment paper. In a large mixing bowl, combine the Amish Friendship Bread starter and egg. Whisk until smooth. Stir in the ricotta cheese, melted butter, lemon juice, lemon zest, and optional lemon extract. Mix until everything is evenly combined. Add the sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Stir thoroughly. Gradually work 2 cups of flour into the mixture, creating a soft, moist dough. In a separate bowl, gently coat the blueberries with the remaining ½ cup of flour. Carefully fold the coated blueberries into the dough. Use a light touch to keep the berries from breaking apart. Spoon approximately ½-cup portions of dough onto your prepared baking sheet, leaving 2–3 inches between each scone. Bake for 18–22 minutes, watching for lightly golden edges and tops.10. Allow the scones to rest on the baking sheet for 5–10 minutes before serving. Serving Suggestion: Enjoy these scones warm with a little butter, your favorite fruit preserves, or a spoonful of clotted cream. Kitchen Tip: For an extra burst of lemon flavor, sprinkle a little fresh lemon zest over the scones before serving.



## *A Little Sunshine & A Little Laughter*

### A LITTLE INSPIRATION

"Thanksgiving isn't just about what's on the table. It's about the wonderful people gathered around it." "The best part of a community isn't the place we live. It's the people who make it feel like home.

"You're never too old to make a new friend, discover a new joy, or create a beautiful memory."

### A LITTLE LAUGHTER

"Thanksgiving is the one day of the year when we spend hours preparing a meal, twenty minutes eating it, and the rest of the afternoon wondering why we ate so much! At our age, getting together with friends is easy. Remembering why we got together is the challenge! Retirement is wonderful. You finally have time to do everything you never knew you didn't want to do! Growing old is inevitable. Growing up is still entirely optional!"

### A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

"Some of life's greatest blessings aren't things we own, but friendships we share, memories we make, and laughter that fills our days. A little kindness, a little laughter, and a grateful heart can turn an ordinary day into something wonderful.

## *MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL*

*By Rev. Carl Kaspick*

The Thanksgiving–Joy Connection

Psalm 95:2: "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." As November arrives, our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving—a time for family, friends, good food, and counting our blessings. But Thanksgiving is more than just a holiday. It is a reminder to be grateful for God's goodness throughout the year. In the Bible, the Feast of Tabernacles was a time when God's people gathered to celebrate the harvest and give thanks for His many blessings. It was a joyful celebration of gratitude. The Bible reminds us to rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances. There is a than what we lack, our hearts become filled with happiness and peace. It's easy to take our blessings for granted, but each day brings something to be thankful for—family, friendships, good memories, and God's never-ending love. This Thanksgiving, remember that a grateful heart is a joyful heart. Don't let a day go by without thanking God for His blessings. May your heart be filled with gratitude, your home with love, and your life with the joy of Thanksgiving!




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## *Bartenders Corner*

### Holiday Cranberry & Apple Harvest Punch

Makes 8–10 servings

Celebrate the flavors of fall with this refreshing holiday punch! Sweet apple cider, cranberry juice, warm cinnamon, and a touch of bourbon create a delicious drink that's perfect for Thanksgiving gatherings.

**Ingredients**

- 4 cups of apple cider
- 2 cups of cranberry juice
- 1 cup of bourbon or spiced rum
- ½ cup orange juice
- ¼ cup maple syrup (optional)
- 1 orange, cut into slices
- 1 apple, thinly sliced
- 1 cup fresh cranberries
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- Ginger ale, to finish each drink

**Preparation**

Choose a large pitcher or festive punch bowl. Add the apple cider, cranberry juice, orange juice, and your choice of bourbon or spiced rum. For a little extra sweetness, blend in the maple syrup, adjusting to your taste. Gently stir in the orange and apple slices, fresh cranberries, and cinnamon sticks.

Cover and refrigerate for approximately two hours, giving the fruit and cinnamon time to flavor the punch. Serve over ice in individual glasses, adding a splash of ginger ale just before serving.

Entertaining Tip: Make the punch earlier in the day and keep it refrigerated until your guests arrive. Add the ginger ale at serving time so every glass has a refreshing fizz. Cheers to a Happy Thanksgiving

### Thanksgiving Caramel Apple Pie Shots

A Sweet Little Taste of Fall! Bring a little holiday cheer to your Thanksgiving gathering with these delicious caramel apple pie shots! The combination of crisp apple cider, warm cinnamon, and buttery caramel makes a wonderful after-dinner treat.

Makes approximately 8 shots

**Ingredients**

- 4 oz. caramel-flavored vodka
- 4 oz. apple cider
- 2 oz. Fireball cinnamon whiskey
- 2 oz. butterscotch schnapps
- Caramel sauce for decorating glasses
- Cinnamon sugar for coating rims
- Whipped cream (optional)
- Extra caramel sauce for drizzling

**Directions**

Prepare the glasses: Dip the rim of each shot glass into caramel sauce, then gently roll it in cinnamon sugar for a sweet, festive touch. Mix the ingredients: Pour the caramel vodka, apple cider, cinnamon whiskey, and butterscotch schnapps into a cocktail shaker filled with ice. Shake it up: Shake vigorously until the mixture is thoroughly chilled. Serve: Strain the mixture into your prepared shot glasses.

Add the finishing touch: Top each shot with a little whipped cream and a light drizzle of caramel sauce, if desired. Holiday Tip: Chill your apple cider ahead of time for an extra-refreshing treat.

Cheers to good friends, happy memories, and a wonderful Thanksgiving!



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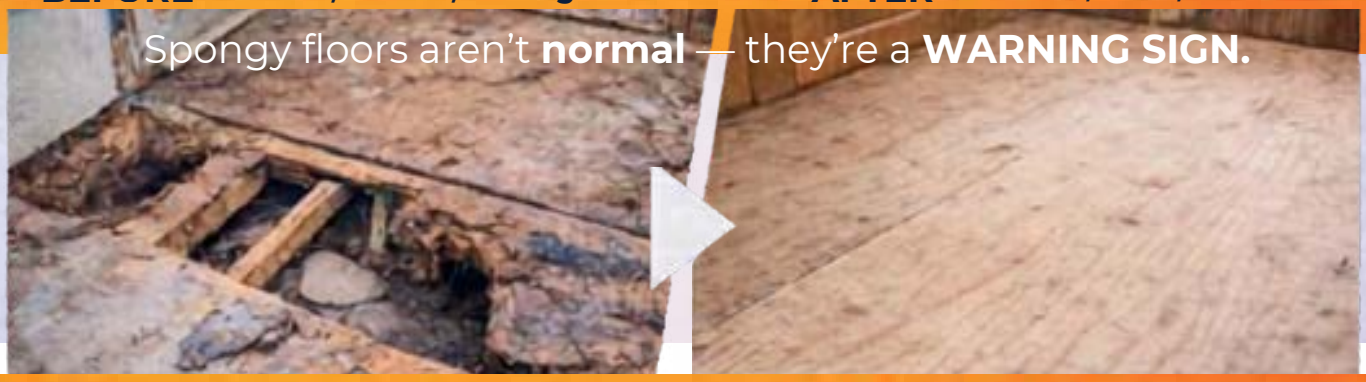
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2<br>**ROLDI Mtg 7PM** | 3<br>Election Day | 4 | 5 | 6<br>**$5 Meal Deal & Karaoke 5:15 PM** | 7<br>**Ladies Breakfast 8:30 SH** |
| 8 | 9<br>Safety Presentation 9AM SH | 10 | 11<br>Veteran's Dinner 5PM<br>**Veteran's Day** | 12<br>**Ladies Lunch 11:30 SH** | 13 | 14<br>**Dance**<br>**Once Upon A Dream**<br>**7PM** |
| 15 | 16 | 17<br>Pot Luck 5PM | 18 | 19<br>**LDPOA Board 10AM**<br>**Special Member Mtg 11:30AM** | 20<br>**$5 Meal Deal & Karaoke 5:15 PM** | 21<br>**Ladies Breakfast 8:30 SH** |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26<br>*Thanksgiving Dinner 3:PM*<br>**Thanksgiving** | 27<br>**Decorate Community 9AM** | 28<br>**Dance**<br>**Casino Night**<br>**7PM** |
| Tree Lighting at Gazebo 6PM 29 | 30 | | | | | |





## WEEKLY VILLAGE ACTIVITIES November thru March

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **North Hall** | **North Hall** | **North Hall** | **North Hall** | **North Hall** | **North Hall** | **North Hall** |
| | 8:45a Ladies' Exercise | 5:00p Potluck | 8:45a Ladies Fitness | 1:00p Mah Jongg | 8:45a Chair yoga | 7:00p Dances |
| | 1:00p Mah Jongg | 1st & 3rd Oct.-April | 10:00a Line Dancing | | 5:30p $5 Meal Deal | as announced |
| | Cornhole 1:00pm | | 2:00p Pool/Billards | | 6:00p Karaoke 1st&3rd | 5:00p Fire Pit |
| | 7:00p Bible study | | 6:30p Euchre | **South Hall** | 6:00p Jam session | |
| | **South Hall** | **South Hall** | **South Hall** | Ladies Lunch Noon | 2nd & 4th | **South Hall** |
| | 8:00a Coffee & Donuts | 10:00a Quilting/Crafts | 2:00p Art Class | 2nd ea. Month | **South Hall** | 1:00p Sequence |
| | 10:00a Tripoli | 1:00p Hand & Foot | | 6:30p Bingo | 10:00a Chair Volleyball | |
| | 6:30p Pokeno | 7:00p Men's Dartball | **Outside** | | | **Out of Village** |
| | **Outside** | | 8:00a Pickleball | **Outside** | **Outside** | 7:45a Men's Bkfst |
| | 8:00a Pickleball | **Outside** | 9:30a Beginners | 9:30a Fun Shuffle | 8:30a Pickleball | 9:00a Ladies's |
| | 9:30a Beginners | 1:00p Bocce | Pickleball | 1:00p Bocce | 9:30a Beginners | Breakfast 1st&3rd |
| | Pickleball | | 12:00p Shuffleboard | | Pickleball | |
| | 9:30a Fun Shuffle | | | | | |

**Also available any time: Ping Pong, Pickle Ball, Bean Bag Toss, Horseshoes, Billards, Bocce Ball, Shuffleboard when courts are free.**

**Activities are open to all residents of Lazy Days. As Coordinators return, activities will resume. Contact coordinator for details.**

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Marion Nester
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Karen Littlejohn
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Barb Karner
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LouAnn Upton
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Various Hosts

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Euchre
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705-715-5996

Ladies Lunch
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L D Suffle League
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