

THE CRITTER

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March 1, 2023

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POA Office # 863-699-4063 Hours - Monday-Friday 10:00am - 12:00 noon



From Our POA President – Cindy Leising

Election Day at Camp Florida reminds me of planning for a special event. The candidates prepare their resumes, canvass the park speaking to as many residents as they can to give them a glimpse of what they stand for and finally the big day is here for one last chance to earn a vote. Then it is over as quickly as their journey began.

This year we had a total of six candidates put their names in the hat for the opportunity to serve as one of your Board of Directors. Three were successful in reaching their goal as Bill Pease, Bob Platt and Cindy Donovan were elected to the board. Congratulations on your win and thank you for your willingness to serve. I would also like to thank the other three candidates Sereita Seamans, Gil Calcagno and Tom Reifsnyder for your interest in serving on the board.

Another individual I would like to acknowledge and express my sincere appreciation to is Ron Hazelton, who has acted as the Election Committee chairman for many years. His meticulous and precise attention to detail has made our Election process flaw free over the years. Ron has decided to retire from this position after our Election this year. Ron, I will miss our many meetings on the front porch making sure everything was simply perfect, I wish you the best and your chair on my porch will always welcome you for a visit!

It is hard to believe that March is upon us and soon many of us will be heading back home. Enjoy your last month in the land of sunshine and our beautiful park. We welcome our Spring Break visitors!

Property Owners

Association Board Meeting **Schedule – 2023**

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Thursday, April 6, 2023

POA meetings are held every month during the season @1 PM in the Great Room.

CAMP FLORIDA POA **Board of Directors**

President – Cindy Leising (812) 212-2470

Vice President – Ron Goudy-(716) 864-8193

Secretary – Bob Platt (517) 442-9488

Treasurer- Cindy Donovan (317) 508-2368

Member at Large –Bill Pease (231) 245-9091



CALLING ALL JAMMERS!!!!!!

OUR JAM SESSION WILL BE HELD WED, FROM 1-3 IN THE GREAT ROOM.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT & MUSIC AND LET'S HAVE FUN!

SETUP STARTS AT 12:45 PM.



CHAIR VOLLEYBALL
WITH A BEACHBALL
WEDNESDAY'S IN THE GREAT ROOM
10:30 – 11:30 am

FROM OUR PARK MANAGER-JOHN SIMS

Good morning or afternoon depending when you read this. March is upon us and I can't believe how fast the season has gone.

We have owners and renters that will start heading north beginning this month. Please, if you have an RV on your lot or a park model, please leave a key with someone who will be here for the summer. Please shut the water off before you leave, shut off your hot water heater. If you're leaving an RV, please tie it down before you leave. If you have an empty lot, shut off and lock your electric box. Leave a key with someone.

If you have questions about a water or electric bill during the summer, please contact Patti or myself, and we will look into it.

We are looking to update the reader at the front gate. Keep a gate card key with your clickers as they may not work.

If I don't see you before you leave, please have a great and safe summer season and we will see you in the fall.

John Sims, Park Manager

Patti Winter, Asst. Park Manager

We wish to thank all of Camp Florida for your support for us in the last few months and in the days to come.

A special thanks to the Camp Florida Singers and the Jammers for your part in Dave's 'Celebration of Life'.

You are all very special to us.

From Anita Sprague and Diane Sprague

2023 PERFORMANCE SERIES:

MAR 11 George Casey - Comedy

MAR 25 William Florian - Folk Variety

Individual Show Tickets \$15

I'd like to thank everyone (committee, ushers, announcers & ticket holders) for your support, help & input during the years I have had the pleasure of heading CFR's Entertainment Committee. A huge thanks to Jan Foley for co-chairing in our "learning years".

Nancy Johnson will be taking over as Entertainment chair in April with a new committee. I am convinced she will do a fantastic job and I wish her and her committee only the best.

Keep buying those tickets, 6 great shows have already been booked for 2024! Linda Reuter

From Your Entertainment Committee

Season tickets for 2024 performance series will go on sale on Monday, March 13 at 9 AM at the POA OFFICE. The 2024 show listing will be posted on our bulletin board at the POA OFFICE prior to the sale.

The 120 tickets for the front section will be sold first.

The 80 tickets for the second section will be sold second.

The 100 tickets for the third section will be sold last.

Season tickets are \$55 for six shows, which is an increase of \$10. This is still a \$35 savings over the cost of six individual shows at \$15 each, which will remain the same price as 2023.

After March 13, the tickets will be available at the regular POA ticket sale location.



LADIES

NICKELS (Dice game)

Come and join us in the Great Room on Monday from 2-4pm!

Bring your jar of nickels and let's have fun!!!!



Regular Wednesday night Bingo at 7:00pm in the Great Room. Come join us for fun & win some money\$\$\$\$\$

The 'SUPER JACKPOT' BINGO will be held on Wednesday, March 29th. Make sure that you are there to try and win Big Money!!!!

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Lawn Games & Happy Hour

Sundays 3:00-5:00

Skinny Dip Point

(Note the location change)

Come join us to play Corn Hole or Washers (Kentucky Horseshoes). If you have a lawn game you enjoy, please bring it to our game day, so we can all play. If you don't want to play, come down to cheer us on & visit with your neighbors. We may not be good, but we are entertaining. Bring a lawn chair & your beverage of choice. Hope to see you there!

BOCCE BALL

We will be playing bocce ball on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30a.m. As more players arrive, we plan to play Mondays-Thursday to accommodate everyone. Questions, call Fran at 913-290-0389.



Come on down and throw Horseshoes on Wednesday and Saturday at 12:45. Entry is \$1.00 and we will draw for teams. Everyone is welcome so come down and enjoy the fun.

LADIES HORESHOES- MONDAY'S AT 12:45PM - \$1.00 TO PLAY

BOOKS WITH CHOCOLATE (Book Club)

Dates and books to read:

March 21, Sing You Home, by Jody Picoult

We meet in the card room at 3:00 PM.

Kathy Holser

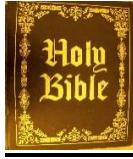
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2024 BOOKS

January 16. Personal Librarian, by Marie Benedict

February 20, Magnificent Lives of Margery Post, by Allison Pitacky

March 19, Prince of Tides, by Pat Conroy



Bible Study

Bible study will be held on Tuesday's, at 1 o'clock in the card room. Study books are available from Diane Sprague. Study title is Sermon on the Mount with Doris Ervin as leader.
Diane Sprague, lot B3

Stroke Testing

Date for stroke testing will be held on, Tuesday, 27 Mar 2023, in the Card Room. This is an annual event. The following activities will be cancelled for both days:

Camp Florida Singers and Cancer Survivors Brown Bag Luncheon.

Please make a reminder note if you participate in these 2 activities.

Thank you.

Yoga Stretch class continues to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:45 in the great room. It's never too late to join us. We will continue class through the end of March.

Brown Bag Cancer Support Group continues to meet on Wednesdays at 11:30-1:00 in the card room. We will continue meeting weekly through the end of March.

BUNKO DATES

SAVE THE DATES:

March 4

April 1

Bunko meets at 7 PM. Bring a snack and five dollars and enjoy an evening of fun and meeting new friends!

If you don't know how to play, we can teach you.

Calvin Holser

Lot I-10

WALKING CLASS

Walking class is held at 9 AM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There is also walking on Tuesday and Thursday at 8 AM. Classes are 30 minutes long and we walk with Leslie Sansone DVDs in the great room.
Kathy Holser, Lot I-10

Absolute Beginner Line dance

Absolute Beginner (AB) Line dance with Dede Raymond and Sharon Kinder assisting. Tuesdays at 2 PM now through March 28, 2023.

VETERANS

News About Helping Homeless Veterans

I just received information from a pastor of a Sebring church that has been getting food to groups of homeless vets. He has asked for donations similar to what we were giving 2 years ago. They especially need food and drinks now. Items requested: bottled water and juices, ready to eat canned food items with pop top lids, individual servings of fruit in plastic containers, small jars of peanut butter and jelly, packages of crackers with peanut butter or cheese inside, boxes of individually wrapped bars for breakfast or dessert. If you need me to shop for you, I will be happy to do so. Thanks and God bless you. Peg Vedder, 10 Hidden Cove



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancake breakfast will be held to help supply equipment for tennis and pickle ball in the park. Three breakfasts will be held this season. Mark your calendar for March 20 from 8 AM -10.



Music at the Friday Social Hour!!!

(Actually, more than an hour)

Returning for 2023 season at Camp Florida.

Stop by from 6:30 to 8:30 PM on Friday to listen to some music while you enjoy the company of your friends. Most people bring a beverage, and some snacks.

I will be setting things up in the large room in the club house. All you will have to do is show up and enjoy the music. For those of you that have a few special songs that you love, now you have the opportunity to share them with the rest of us here at Camp Florida. If you want a half hour time spot to share your music, just bring your Cell Phone, I Pod, I Pad, or whatever you have music stored on, down to the club house. I will set up the sound system in the club house, so you can share your favorite music play list with other, for a half hour, over the great sound system in our club house.

You can dance if you like. Don Keeler

I lead virtual strumming sessions on Monday and Wednesday evenings (Monday @ 730 and Wednesday @ 7:40) over zoom. Ukuleles, Guitars, Mandolins, Basses are welcome to attend. I email song charts out before each session. No charge for lessons.
My email is Tubacello@aol.com or people can call or text me at (908)294-5941
Shana Gaskill, Lot C-43



SHORELINE STREET PARTY

We are having our first street party for Shoreline Drive residents. We don't have a circle for a circle party, so it's a street party.

It will be held on Friday, March 24th, from noon until 2 pm with sign up sheets by the front office bulletin boards, and we are serving burgers for \$2.00 donation.

Thanks,

Jeanine Keenan



MARCH 5TH, SCAVENGER HUNT / POKER RUN 1-3 pm. Sign in no later than 1:30 in the clubhouse Great Room. There will be a \$3.00 fee for each player. Prizes will be determined by the number of players. Rules are simple. Come join the fun. ICE CREAM Novelties will be available while you wait for everyone to return. **WE WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE NO LARGE BILLS AT SIGN IN.**

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 24. There will be live music at the clubhouse that evening. He plays a variety of music, country and rock. No tickets needed. Details will be sent in an email as we get them.

MARCH 18th **CFR PARK YARD SALE** held in CFR residents driveways, 8am -?

March 25th

8AM **"FREE FOR ALL"** in the clubhouse Great Room 8-10 AM. Bring things you no longer want or take things you can't live without. IT'S ALL FREE; What's left will go to local charities. You don't need to bring something to take something. PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS CLEAN AND IN WORKING CONDITION. WE CAN NOT ACCEPT LARGE ITEMS. Come check it out.



REMINDERS:

Divine ice cream truck, Friday's 2 – 5pm in the clubhouse parking lot.
Grilling by the pool every Saturday 11:30 to 1:30



COFFEE & DONUTS

Donuts and coffee held each Thursday through March. Be in line at 10 AM to choose from a variety of Dunkin' Donuts. We will announce when we also include Kate's fresh baked bagels.

Please enter at the West Door no earlier than 9:50 AM as a class is being held until then.. See you for this yummy treat!

Canteen tickets for the month of March are now on sale. Tickets are sold at the POA office Monday - Friday from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. Meal prices are currently \$9.00 per person.

Please note that Canteen prices and food selections may be subject to change depending on availability.

Canteen menus are also posted on the POA website for your convenience.

March 1, 2023 - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert

March 8, 2023 - Baked Chicken Breast, Side of Spaghetti, Green Beans, Dessert

*March 15, 2023- St. Patrick's Day Meal - \$12.00
Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes & Carrots, Dessert*

SAVE THE DATES

The Sebring High School Jazz Band will be performing on March 18 at the Club House at 7 pm. They will be playing a variety of pops, show tunes and more, A love offering will be taken with the proceeds to be used as scholarships for the music students. Come and see what the youth of the community has to offer!

The Highlands County Concert Band will be performing 2 concerts in March. Mon. March 20th, they will be performing at the Genesis Center in Lake Placid at 7 pm. A Love offering will be taken. If you miss the concert, they will be performing the same concert at Florida State College on Thurs., March 23 at 7 pm. Tickets for this concert are available from Tom Stansifer or Donna Zittel.

PLEASE EMAIL ALL CRITTER REQUESTS TO

cookiemomster101@yahoo.com Next Critter out on April 1st. Deadline for requests must be emailed before **March 26th**.

Rosie Boyle, 34 Windward Dr.



Our Camp Florida's 2023 Pet Parade was a HUGE success.
A little windy, but that didn't stop us!

Thank you to all the many volunteers (over 20+), participants (40+pet parents/friends) and audience (take a look at the pictures of everyone lined up on chairs/golf carts) for making this year's Pet Parade an awesome one!

A special shout out/thank you to the CFR Singers & Jammers for your performances.

Thank you to the "Fish" and all the dogs and cats that walked, strolled or were carried! We hope you enjoyed your treats.

Puppers & Hairballs sponsored goody bags for all participants. They are located in Sebring, but will be opening in Journal Plaza in downtown Lake Placid sometime in this month (March). They are a Natural Pet Store that provide food, grooming, toys and other items/services. Be sure to stop in and let them know you are from Camp Florida.
<https://www.puppersandhairballs.com/>

We raised over \$350 for the humane society and collected many items for them-thank you to the 50/50 participants and all other donations.

Ellen Budish
Chairperson for the 2023 Pet Parade

Thank you Carol Delynko for all the photos/portraits ❤️
<https://campflapoa.org/2023/02/14/2023-pet-parade/>
<https://campflapoa.org/2023/02/13/2023-pet-parade-portraits/>

Indoor Events & Activities			Outdoor Events & Activities		
SUNDAYS					
Mahjong	CR	1:00	Lawn Games/Happy Hour	SDP	3:00 -5:00
Ripple Golf	GR	1:00			
Darts	PH	6:30			
Poker	CR	7:00			
MONDAYS					
Walking Tape Leslie Sansone w/Kathy	GR	9:00	Tennis	TC	9:00
Camp Florida Singers	CR	1:00	Water Exercise w/Peg (Low Impact)	Pool	10:00
Ladies Nickels	GR	2:00	Shuffelboard	SC	10:00
Line Dance for Fun w/Joyce	GR	6:30	Water Exercise w/Barb (Aerobic)	Pool	11:00
Bridge	CR	7:00	Pickleball	TC	11:00
			Bocce Ball w/Joyce	BC	1:00
			Pickleball (Casual/Beginners)	TC	5:00
TUESDAYS					
Walking Tape Leslie Sansone w/Sharon	GR	8:00	Bocce Ball w/Fran	BC	8:30
Stretch Yoga Live	GR	8:45	Golf Foursomes/Couples/Guys/Gals	GC	8:40
Chair Yoga	GR	10:00	Pickleball	TC	9:00
Line Dancing Beginner & Beyond w/Lynne	GR	11:00	Shuffelboard	SC	10:00
Bible Study	CR	1:00	Tennis	TC	11:00
Absolute Beginner Line Dancing w/Dede	GR	2:00			
Billards	PH	7:00			
Open Game Night - Pinochle/Cribbage	CR	7:00			
WEDNESDAYS					
Walking Tape Leslie Sansone w/Kathy	GR	9:00	Tennis	TC	9:00
Senior Volleyball	GR	10:30	Shuffelboard	SC	10:00
BB Lunch Cancer Support Group	CR	11:30	Water Exercise w/Peg (Low Impact)	Pool	10:00
Canasta (Ladies)	CR	1:00	Water Exercise w/Barb (Aerobic)	Pool	11:00
CF Jammers	GR	1:00	Pickelball	TC	11:00
Canteen	GR	5:00	Horseshoes (Co-Ed)	HP	12:45
Bingo	GR	7:00	Bocce Ball /Joyce	BC	1:00
			Pickleball (Casual/Beginners)	TC	5:00
THURSDAYS					
Walking Tape Leslie Sansone w/Sharon	GR	8:00	Bocce Ball w/Fran	BC	8:30
Stretch Yoga Live	GR	8:45	Pickleball	TC	9:00
Activites Meeting (Bi-weekly)	CR	11:00	Mendoza Fruits/Vegetables	PPL	10:00
Coffee & Donuts	GR	10:00	Shuffelboard	SC	10:00
Line Dancing Beginner & Beyond w/Lynne	GR	2:00	Tennis	TC	11:00
31	GR	7:00			
Euchre	CR	7:00			
FRIDAYS					
Walking Tape Leslie Sansone w/Kathy	GR	9:00	Tennis	TC	9:00
Chair Yoga	GR	10:00	Shuffelboard	SC	10:00
Quilting	GR	12:00	Water Exercise w/Peg (Low Impact)	Pool	10:00
Dominos-MexicanTrain	CR	1:00	Water Exercise w/Barb (Aerobic)	Pool	11:00
Friday Social W/Don Keeler	GR	6:30	Pickleball	TC	11:00
31	CR	7:00	Devine Ice Cream Truck	PPL	2:00
			Poolside Happy Hour	Pool	4:00
SATURDAYS					
LEGEND: BC: Bocce Court GC: Golf Course GR:Great Room CR: Card Room HP: Horseshoe Pits SC: Shuffleboard Ct. FP: Fire Pit PH: Pool House TC: Tennis Court PPL: Pool Parking Lot SDP: Skinny Dipping Point			Pickleball	TC	9:00
			Tennis	TC	11:00
			Poolside Grilling	PH	11:30
			Horseshoes (Co-Ed)	HP	1:00
			Fire by The Lake	FP	6:00