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**SPANISH LAKES COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE**

**VILLAGE VOICE**

**Letter from The H.O.A. President**

Merry Christmas to all of our Spanish Lakes Country Club Village family.

The process of recovering from the October 9<sup>th</sup> tornados is ongoing and taking very individual and very special meaning to each member of our community. We are in the process of creating a perpetual monument to the people whose lives were taken, the people whose lives were changed forever and the community that grieves, knowing that Country Club will never be the same. We will have more on this in the near future.

Kudos to the Christmas Decorating Committee. The Shows-R-Us folks took over this task last year and utilizing new resources and an amazing volunteer network have taken it to a new and unprecedented level. The place looks great! Thanks to all!

We are expecting a great number of Christmas activities including the Players Guild Christmas Show in the Auditorium at 2:00 pm Sunday Dec 15. Admission is free and we hope to fill the room.

I truly hope that Santa brings you the best Christmas! In many ways we draw closer to our Country Club families because we are far away from our natural families. However it works for you and yours, I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful, Happy and Healthy 2025.

Best to you!

*Bob Heslop*

*Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a Blessed New Year!*



**From the Editor**

This a temporary look for the Village Voice. As if the last two months were not stressful enough my computer hard drive decided to crash, taking with it files and documents. It's taking a while to work around the new hard drive and what appears to be Windows 11. Word to the wise – back up your system regularly!

The H.O.A. meeting at the end of October started with a fitting Memorial Service for those who lost their lives on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The auditorium was full, and it was the sense of closeness among the community that was impressive. It will be difficult seeing the changes for a long time to come.

At the November meeting two representatives from the county were there to answer questions about the processes that are now in place as we move forward.

There are some issues now that have people wondering if the Rules and Regulations in the directory are for some and not for others. I cannot answer that, but the questions are valid. Nuff said!

As always, I will remind everyone to check the weekly bulletin and the Facebook pages for events over the next weeks and months. The Fitness Games will be starting January. If you would like to participate, there will be sign up days in the auditorium,

The next H.O.A. meeting will be the last Wednesday in January.

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NHN data from the emergency forms was shared with a detective in the Sheriff's department after the tornado. It was instrumental in helping them locate residents as they canvassed door to door. The detective was impressed with our program and thanked Gerrie Purcell. This is the number one reason for filling out the emergency contact form and turning it into Neighbors Helping Neighbors. This information is not shared with anyone else, but it is used to contact someone if there is a problem.

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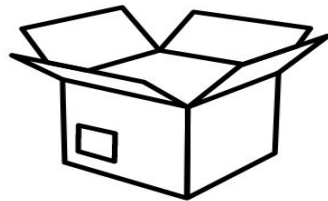
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### VILLAGE ENTRANCE FLAGPOLE

Although the flagpole at the entrance had been erected and maintained by the Late Jim Purcell Fund as a tribute to our wonderful village, there were several requests from Villagers asking if they could buy and dedicate future flags to honor their deceased loved one. In keeping with our spirit, this seemed like a good idea. Flags can be reserved to honor Veterans and Non-Veterans.

The new flag recently raised was donated by his loving wife, Ces Mahoney ,for her Husband, John Mahoney, a veteran. I want to thank Charlie Mongrain, who has been helping me with this raising and arranged for an Honor Guard to be present at the Raising Ceremony on Monday, December 9th at 3:00 p.m. Thank you to the Honor Guards: Ed Carroll; Bob Cuddy; Gay Fazio; Don Grove; Charlie Mongrain and Bill Stevens. Thank you, Charlie. This will be the 31st Flag to be raised for loved ones since 2005. The original flag was raised in 2003 in memory of Jim Purcell and dedicated to our Village on November 11, 2003 for the four years he loved living here and for the residents' tremendous helpfulness, caring and support. When a flag is raised in memory of your loved one, we arrange for you to witness the Raising of the Flag as well as taking pictures. You are given a "Scroll" and we also publish the event in

the SLCCV Newsletter and HOA Village Voice. At this time, the cost of the Memorial Flag is \$40.00 not payable until your flag is to be raised. The flag flies for approx. 9 months. If you would like to reserve a flag in memory of a loved one, please contact Gerrie Purcell, Administrator. 508-454-9596.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER:** Usually prepared by the members of the Community Observation Patrol, this year we were blessed to have much of the dinner donated by the Red Heart Brigade of Port St. Lucie. Residents provided a potluck of sorts with their favorite dishes, so many great contributions! Instead of selling tickets as we usually do as a fundraiser, we were able to provide dinner for almost 200 residents for free through the generosity of the Red Heart Brigade and donations of food from Sam's Club (Vero Beach), Publix and Winn Dixie. We accepted donations to the Brigade and have sent them a check for \$600 to pay it forward. Thanks to all the residents who gave a donation and contributed to the meal. Thank you notes that were provided on the tables were signed by grateful residents are being sent to the managers of Sam's, Publix and Winn Dixie.

### **CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE WITH THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.**

SLCCV Residents are the best! By all accounts the C.O.P collected more toys and gifts than last year, including several bikes! C.O.P members from other communities supported our efforts, driving in the parade along with deputies. Even Santa made an appearance! Thanks to the organizers of the golf cart parade and the residents who decorated their carts!

### **ROBO CALLS AND TEXT MESSAGES**

If you do not attend H.O.A. meetings, you may not be aware of the decision of voting members to pay for a system that will send calls and text messages of importance, i.e. front entrance closures, boil water notices, etc. Many residents do not leave the park every day and don't see signs at the 3-way stop sign. There are forms at the REC desk. One important note is that you need to put the phone numbers in your own phone, labeled as such, so you can answer. If you don't do this, you may end up blocking the numbers by mistake.

### **C.O.P NEWS**

We will be fundraising in January by leaving a plastic doorhanger at your home. Your donations keep our patrol drivers on our streets every day. We currently have three shifts which vary in time as we try to keep potential bad guys unsure of our eyes on them. Many people are surprised to know that some of our drivers are out there in the middle of the night, 1 or 2 a.m. or 4 a.m. We want you to call 9-1-1 when you see something suspicious because that is what we do. One driver on patrol early in the morning called for a deputy because there was a wide-open door with a box holding the door open. Did you know that the deputies enter the dwelling with guns drawn to make sure the house is clear? In this case the homeowner was moving and forgot to close the door.

We hope to include the new Emergency Form revised by Neighbors Helping Neighbors in our doorhangers as well as the forms for the robo calls.



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