



Village Voice



Letter from the H.O.A. President

On behalf of the entire HOA board, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Thanksgiving was so very enjoyable here in Country Club Village. We send special thanks to the COPS personnel who put on an amazing Thanksgiving dinner. They made this day special for many thankful participants.

The Christmas decorations at the clubhouse and the entry way help get us all in the holiday mood. Thanks to the decorations crew. It's beginning to "Look a lot like Christmas."

We welcome back to our many seasonal residents. It's good to see faces we have missed over the summer and it's good to see increasing levels of group sports, games and other activities

We have amazing community here in Country Club Village and we are thankful to the Rec Department personnel for all their efforts to organize and schedule venues and events. The true strength, however, of this community is our amazing volunteer network. Our vast number of sports, activity or club events would not be possible without dedicated volunteer teams. No matter what we do, it has been organized, planned and scheduled by these people who give freely of their time and talent. We look forward to being able to thank and to celebrate our volunteers at the annual Volunteer appreciation event, but we should all be sure to express our personal appreciation to these folks at every opportunity.

Merry Christmas everyone. May 2026 bring you and yours good health and happiness.

Bob Heslop

SLCCV HOA President

From the Editor

It's been a long time coming, but computer problems have been resolved, and the Village Voice is finally looking like it used to for many years! Someday someone else is going to have to take over this task.

At this time of year, I would like to remind folks of the importance of being part of this community. It's not just a neighborhood like Lakewood Park. It's a large group of people who are family, friends and neighbors, within the boundaries of one-half square mile. At one time or another several members of one family have moved here as snowbirds and/or fulltime residents. Or friends from a particular place did the same. Watertown, NY, comes to mind! It was a retirement community, now many of our residents are still working. The demographics have changed. The "old-timers" wonder why the "newbies" don't get involved in community activities. The "newbies", many of them, don't understand why the "old-timers" care so much. There was a time in the early days when everyone waved to everyone else. Now the vehicle windows are so darkly tinted that you can't see if someone is waving or not. "Old-timers", and probably some "newbies", wonder why people drive so fast or why the radio has to be so loud. I know I'm preaching to the choir, but, please give it some thought. The Golden Rule applies to each and every one of us!

May God bless you all, always!



VILLAGE ENTRANCE FLAG POLE

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 American Flag raised last was in honor of Army Veteran John Mahoney donated by his loving wife, Cecelia Mahoney. It needs to be retired soon. At this time there is no waiting list so you can call and honor your Veteran or Non-Veteran.

The SLCCV Veterans Club Honor Guard will arrange to be present at the Raising Ceremony whenever a veteran is being honored. When the flag needs to be retired the Honor Guard will lower, fold and present the flag to the family. Thank you to the SLCCV Veterans Club for doing this.

The next American Flag will be the 32nd 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 ,whether it is a veteran or non-veteran , 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 payable when 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.

HOUSE NUMBERS

When you need help, emergency personnel can reach you more quickly if your ADDRESS NUMBERS are plainly visible from the street. According to County Ordinance Section 7.05.09, house numbers should be clearly visible day or night from the street.

Numbers should be four inches high, posted on a contrasting-colored background and preferably made of reflective material. Block letters are easier to read than script letters.

House numbers should be placed on both sides of the mail box to be easily seen by drivers as they may come from either direction. Please check your house numbers.

SLCCV VILLAGE CART

The Village Cart is our version of a Welcome Wagon. New residents will be invited to the quarterly gathering of representatives from many of the groups and clubs so they can hear about the variety of activities available to them. The next one will be scheduled in March. If you missed the one on November 30th, you will have an opportunity to attend in the new year.

If you have any questions about the Village Cart or would like to volunteer to help out, please call Marianne Hoag, (c)413-358-5352.



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NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

There's not much new with Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Gerrie Purcell is still looking for volunteers to cover a few streets to collect emergency forms from residents. This information is strictly confidential, It is used to contact family or residents in case of an emergency. The Sheriff's Department found it useful during the aftermath of the tornado last October. Call Gerrie at 508-454-9596.

COMMUNITY REMINDER

Here's a gentle reminder for all. Your Spanish Lakes Country Club Village Official Directory has in its Table of Contents "Country Club Village Policies & Regulations" beginning in the 2025-2026 issue on page 68. Everything from garbage pickup dates and lawn watering schedules to golf course rules of play.

Numbers 22 and 23 are of particular concern to many residents.

Editor's Note: Number 31 is of concern to me. "It shall be the resident's responsibility to keep informed of any published changes in policies and regulations." I think the Wynne Building Corporation should be responsible to inform us of changes before they become an issue.

MEDICARE TERMINOLOGY ASSISTANCE:

Copied from Hometown News, Fort Pierce, July 15, 2022

Letters to the Editor:

Here's a trick that you can use to take the confusion out of common Medicare terms:

Part A: Think of Ambulance

Part A covers hospital visits, stays, etc.

Part B: Think of Blood Test

Part B covers doctor visits, which usually involves one or more blood tests.

Part D: Think of Drugs

Part D covers Prescription Drugs

PLAQUE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE SOULS LOST IN SLCCV ON OCTOBER 9TH, 2024



This plaque is mounted on the wall of the club-house auditorium. Please pay a visit if you haven't already done so.

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SOCIAL PRESCRIBING: A NEW LEASE ON LIFE!

Loneliness is now recognized as a major health risk factor by the medical community. According to the U.S. Surgeon General, about half of American adults experience loneliness. Living in isolation and feeling lonely increase health risks such as dementia, premature death, heart disease and stroke. These factors can also double the risk of depression, lead to higher levels of chronic inflammation, and make people more likely to become ill when they are exposed to viruses. Studies have identified specific benefits of strong connections to other people and a sense of belonging to a community, including less risk of early death, lower blood pressure, better diabetes management, fewer harmful effects of stress and being 2.6 times more likely to experience good or excellent health.

A social prescription is designed to identify personal interests and passions and incorporating them into your life to reignite a spark and bring about inner joy. A social prescription can be beneficial at any age and help motivate a person to expand their horizons. Take a painting class, take a nature walk, take a class at a local college (often free to audit for senior citizens). Volunteering can take things to a whole new level. Make a plan for the new year!

(Source: Newsmax Health Radar, November 2025)



VETERANS DAY 11/11/2026

Thank you to the Veterans Club here in SLCCV for the touching tribute to vets of all branches of the military: Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, National and Air Guard, and Space Force. although there is yet to be a veteran of the Space Force here. The program included remarks by Charlie Mongrain (USAF), president of the Veterans Club; Bob Heslop, SLCCV H.O.A. president; and MC Bob Cuddy (USArmy). Those in attendance sang along with the anthems of each branch as our residents were recognized. Commissioner Jamie Fowler, current chair of the St. Lucie County Board of Commissioners, delivered the keynote address. The Missing Man Table representing those who never returned was set by members of the Color Guard as they explained the significance of each item. (Editor's Note: While the auditorium was pretty well filled, it would be nice if the room were "Standing Room Only".)

We are here because they were there!



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SLCCV COMMUNITY OBSERVATION PATROL, C.O.P.

We would like to thank the members of our community who turned out to help us to set up the clubhouse auditorium for Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, the 26th. Helping hands included Tom and Judy Larkin, Tim Goggeshall, Joane Camino, Trish Getzewich, Kathy, Lynn and Carl Grantham, REC department staff and others whose names we don't even know! We appreciate you all so much!

December 6th is the toy drive with the Sheriff's Department. You can bring new, unwrapped toys to the clubhouse any time prior to the golf cart parade or have them ready for pickup by volunteers during the parade. Thanks for your generous donations in years past. Please help us make this a merry Christmas for children again this year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly schedules in calendar form are available at the REC desk in the clubhouse as is the weekly newsletter. You can also check out the SLCCV website.

The Christmas Concert presented by the Players Club on December 14th is always wonderful. You will enjoy it even if you come just to see Bob Heslop in his Christmas suit. I think I saw the exact same suit in a recent Hallmark Christmas movie!

In January look for information on the Fitness Games. You can sign up for as many activities as you like. It used to be called the Senior Games until people objected to being called seniors!



UPCOMING H.O.A. MEETINGS

The next H.O.A. meeting is scheduled for January 28th, 2026. Please support your HOA by joining and paying the dues. The board members work diligently for the betterment of SLCCV and for You!

2026 Meetings: February 25, March 25, April 29

The Board strongly recommends that you participate in the robo-calls and/or text messages. It does save time and confusion, particularly when it comes to announcements about Waste-Pro pickup dates and holidays!

Remember the Water Board meeting coming up soon!

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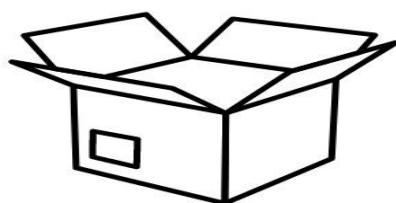
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7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

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Hall, 2201 SE Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie

Thursday, December 4, 2025: "Popcorn and a Movie Night",
showing "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington", starring Jimmy Stewart.

Thursday, January 15, 2026: Guest Speaker Laura Roscoe, Florida State Committee
Woman for the Republican Party of St. Lucie County.

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