



Village Voice



Letter from the H.O.A. President

I want to welcome every SLCCV HOA Member to the new 2026 summer season. We wish for safe travels and wonderful times with family and friends, for everyone. We had great hope this season would mark a new beginning in our relationship with WBC, but the jury is “still out” on that one.

It’s been almost 5 years since the park owners attacked residents with illegal tax pass through. They withdrew that tax assessment when legally challenged but followed up with another attack by assessing illegal rent increases. By your instruction, your HOA challenged these tactics, ultimately having to resort to a lawsuit which demanded relief from these illegal treatments of homeowners in a court of law. With the ongoing financial and physical support of membership, our lawsuit flourished. Racking up win after win in court decisions, we were on the verge of being awarded the justice our residents deserved.

Struggling for any defense whatsoever, they appealed every appealable decision and finally succeeded with an appellate court decision which required the lower court to be sure it had dotted the i’s and crossed the t’s with regards to allowing a joined lawsuit including CCV and Golf Village.

This appeared to create an opening for them and after another mediation and subsequent pursuit from Alec Wynne, we came to a settlement decision. A big part of our decision to settle was to put these issues behind us and get back to a more mutually supportive relationship. Well, before the ink was dry, they came out with new illegal rules changes. New facility charges and insurance requirements, which are illegal! These exceeded anything anyone would have ever imagined and seemed to have no purpose other than to punish residents and drive potential home buyers away.

We have requested a meeting to try and straighten these things out. Let’s hope we can! We will do our best!

From the Editor

It’s almost officially summer! Three weeks until the summer solstice and then the daylight hours will begin to shorten. I read recently that the federal government is getting closer to making daylight saving time official. No more changing of the clocks! I just wish they would make up their minds and stop messing with us (laughing emoji).

The resident population has dwindled considerably. Very few dog walkers, very few walkers or bicyclers in the morning. Fewer vehicles on the roads, including golf carts. But there are still some drivers with heavy right feet, and at this point I would venture to say that most of them are not residents. It makes me crazy to see a driver speed up to pass a golf cart when approaching the blind curve on Calle and Felicidad... when another driver is coming from the opposite direction. For God’s sake, and everyone else’s, leave 5 minutes earlier!

Our C.O.P. volunteer who was injured in April is on the mend. After two months in the hospital and rehab facility, she is getting better. Please continue praying for her healing so that she is able to come home soon.

I would encourage everyone to keep an eye on the homes of neighbors who are out of town. You don’t have to go overboard, perhaps just take a walk around the house occasionally. Keep an eye on things. Just in case.

UPCOMING H.O.A. MEETINGS

September 30, 2026

October 28, 2026

December 9, 2026

January 27, 2027

February 24, 2027

March 31, 2027

April 28, 2027

Again, have a safe and pleasurable summer, we look forward to seeing everyone in the fall! We will keep everyone apprised of all developments

Bob Heslop, SLCCV HOA President

NHN WELCOME AND NHN LOOKING FOR MORE HELP

VACANT STREETS: Bolero; 181-187 Calle de Lagos; Jose Martin; 62-91 Lagos del Norte; San Felipe; Tosca; Villa Maria; 1-41 and 43-63 Vista de Laguna .

All or Part of these Areas can be claimed by you and you do not have to be a Full Time Resident or live on one of these streets.

NHN has helped many people in Spanish Lakes (i.e. a fire or other house emergency while you are not at home, or an emergency that requires notification of family or friends). For example, the contact information kept by NHN was used following the 2024 Tornado outbreak in the park and the Sheriffs' Dept. praised it.

We would like to WELCOME a new Canvasser, Lee Jordan, Area 7A, who has volunteered to Canvas on Azul, Buenos Aires and 1-22 Calle de Lagos . I'm sure you shall be hearing from her soon. THANK YOU to Lee, our Canvassers are very Special!

RESIDENTS: If you are not represented by a Volunteer at this time and you are not able to help out, you can obtain one of the Emergency Forms by looking at the Form Holder on the shelf between the restrooms in the Lobby of the Clubhouse and you will find blank Emergency Forms. Just fill out and hand to a staff member at the front desk to put into the Green Folder in the office.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR COMPLETED FORM ANYWHERE ELSE BUT THE FRONT DESK WITH STAFF!! Your Form will be kept confidential and entered into the Computer in case of an Emergency. We particularly appreciate your naming a family member that can be contacted and also who has knowledge of where a key can be obtained (WE DO NOT WANT A KEY)

Gerrie Purcell (05/19/26)

One of our long time Canvassers on the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program has recently resigned. Jo McPherson as been working on the Program for over 10 years and we wish to thank her for so many years of dedicated work. Our Canvassers are all Special. THANK YOU, JO.

SLCCV VILLAGE CART



The Village Cart is taking a vacation! New residents will be invited to the gathering of representatives from many of the groups and clubs so they can hear about the variety of activities available to them in the fall.

LIBRARY NEWS - BOOKS ON WAR SECTION

After several requests, the library now has a section titled BOOKS ON WAR. As you enter the library, you will find them straight ahead on the third shelf. Suggestions always welcome.

LIBRARY & PUZZLES

LIBRARY is all on the Honor System. Please put returned or donated books only on the table. Please do not shelve them.

**Also, no yellowed, moldy or books that appear worn or brown...please take them back with you. PLACE IN YOUR RECYCLES.

If you have a large amount of books to donate, please call JILL MILLER 772-469-6076 OR NANCY SQUIRES 561-308-7855 FIRST.

PUZZLES in closed cabinets in the Billiard Room. Only Puzzles that have NO missing pieces. Please do not leave on top of counter.

If you would like to volunteer in the library, please call Jill or Nancy.



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SOMETHING TO DO THIS SUMMER

Historic Bok Tower Gardens, a national historic landmark, features two hiking trails, 50 acres of gardens, the 20-room El Retiro Estate and the 205-foot art deco and neo-Gothic Singing Tower carillon. Bok Tower Gardens has fascinated millions of Florida visitors since it's opening in 1929.

Enjoy unparalleled opportunities for artistic, cultural, personal and spiritual enrichment when you tour the lush landscapes of the Olmsted gardens and hear the music of the Singing Tower carillon.

Bok Tower Gardens is truly a place of historic beauty and serenity. Among the rolling hills of citrus in Lake Wales, Bok Tower Gardens continues to be one of the most remarkable and awe-inspiring attractions in Central Florida.

A Gift from Edward W. Bok

This breathtaking gem has been enchanting those enjoying a Central Florida vacation for over 80 years because founder Edward W. Bok did not settle for anything less than amazing when he created this masterpiece. Bok immigrated to the United States when he was only six years old from Den Helder, Netherlands.

After striving to lead a successful life, Bok became a Pulitzer-Prize winning author along with completing many other noteworthy achievements. He retreated from Pennsylvania to Lake Wales, Florida during the frigid winter months, and during this time, he fell in love with the sunsets, birds, and hills of this area.

Olmsted Garden

With a vision of creating a beautiful place to inspire others and touch hearts, Edward Bok worked alongside landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. to produce a Singing Tower, the gardens, reflection pool and more. In 1929, he presented these gifts to America as a way of expressing his gratitude for the many opportunities this country had presented him.

What makes The Gardens so unique is its ability to produce a different experience for people each time they visit Central Florida. No two days at Bok Tower Gardens are the same due to the ever-changing environment and the seasonal blooms for each special plant. From Giant Victoria Water Lilies spreading up to eight feet in diameter, to the stunning Japanese stone peace lantern, Bok Tower Gardens really knows how to steal the show in Central Florida.

Singing Tower Carillon

One of the most exceptional attributes to Bok Tower Gardens can be found right at its core – a 60-bell, 205-foot Singing Tower Carillon. This majestic Carillon plays 30-minute bell concerts each day at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. – a brief, but fulfilling bit of your visit that would be a shame to miss.

VISIT THE NAVY SEAL MUSEUM

Located on North Hutchinson Island the Museum is a must-visit for residents and visitors alike.

2026 CALADIUM FESTIVAL

The 2026 Caladium Festival in Lake Placid, Florida, will be held July 24–26, featuring caladium field tours, craft vendors, live music, a car and bike show, 5k race, and family-friendly activities.

Dates and Location:

The festival will take place Friday, July 24 to Sunday, July 26, 2026, at Stuart Park, 113 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL. Festival hours are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Friday and Saturday, and 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday.

(If you go to the Historical Society Office, you can get a free booklet about the many murals painted on the walls of buildings in the town.)

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MEMORIAL DAY 2026

The SLCCV Veterans Club hosted the annual Memorial Day Remembrance service for those who gave it all in defense of our country and our freedoms. This program was designed to honor the 250 years of unbroken service to the United States of America by its veterans.



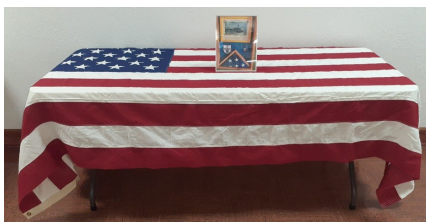
Tables were decorated with miniature flags representing branches of the Armed Forces: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard and the National and Air

Guard.



Commemorative pins were a gift to all. A slide show of the oldest survivors of wars was narrated by members of the club. Retired Navy Capt. Royce Williams, who received the Medal of Honor at the State of the Union Address on February 24, 2026, at the age of 101, is the oldest surviving veteran of the Korean War.

The flag pictured here had flown in Iraq and was donated to the Veterans Club by SLCCV resident veteran Ken Stocker.



A LITTLE HISTORY

When Congress declared war on Japan on December 8, 1941, more Americans than ever before heard the call of duty. Some 16.1 million U.S. citizens served in the military by the time World War II ended in 1945, representing 12% of the total population of 132 million at the time. Around 39% of U.S. service members were volunteers, while the remaining 61% were draftees. It was the second-deadliest conflict in U.S. history, with the 407,316 fatalities surpassed only by the 620,000 or more who fell during the Civil War.

The average duration of service was 33 months, with 73% of Americans serving overseas in countries such as France and Germany for an average of 16 months. An enlisted soldier earned an average of \$71.33 per month, while officers made \$203.50 per month — equivalent to about \$1,436 and \$4,107 today, respectively.

The number of service members was even higher in Germany, where 18.1 million aided the Nazis' effort out of a population of 69 million — a whopping 31%. No nation bore the brunt of the conflict quite like the Soviet Union, however, where 34.5 million people, including 35% of the male population, mobilized during the war.

World War II was fought on every continent but Antarctica. Though it was divided into two main theaters (Pacific and European), World War II was so expansive that it was fought on every continent but one: Antarctica. The North Africa campaigns lasted three years and saw battles take place in Libya, Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia, with the Allies emerging victorious in May 1943. The conflict also reached North America; the U.S. entered the war after the Pearl Harbor attack of December 7, 1941, which President Franklin D. Roosevelt famously declared “a date which will live in infamy”.

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Protect Your Medicare: Genetic Testing Scam Alert

During Older Americans Act Month, we are highlighting ways to help protect your health, identity, and independence.

Scammers are increasingly targeting Medicare recipients with offers for “free” DNA or genetic testing.

These offers may come through phone calls, door-to-door visits, health fairs, or community events.

What to Watch For:

- Offers for “free” genetic or DNA testing
 - Requests for your Medicare number
 - Pressure to act quickly or sign forms on the spot
- Testing offered without your doctor’s involvement

Important Reminder:

Medicare only covers genetic testing when it is **medically necessary and ordered by your doctor.**

If you share your Medicare number, scammers may:

- Bill Medicare for unnecessary or fraudulent tests
 - Use your information for identity theft
- Open the door to additional scams

How to Protect Yourself:

- Only accept medical tests ordered by your trusted doctor
- Never share your Medicare number with unknown individuals

Take time to verify before signing anything

How to Report a Suspected Scam:

If you encounter a suspicious offer:

- Report Medicare fraud to the **Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)** at floridashine.org or by calling 1-800-963-5337

- Contact **SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)** for free, unbiased Medicare counseling and guidance at floridashine.org or by calling 1-800-963-5337

- Report fraud to the **Federal Trade Commission** at ReportFraud.gov

Report online scams to the **FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center** at www.ic3.gov

Reporting helps stop scammers and protects other older adults across Florida.

We’re Here to Help

SHINE counselors and SMP volunteers are available to help you:

- Review Medicare claims for suspicious charges
- Understand your benefits

Report potential fraud

To find help in your area, call **1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337)**.

To stay informed and receive real-time fraud alerts, sign up for **Operation Senior Shield**

(OSS): www.opseiorsshieldfl.com

Our focus remains on protecting Florida’s seniors through education, awareness, and shared experiences, helping others recognize warning signs, start conversations with loved ones, and avoid similar situations in the future. Your decision to stay informed and share this information plays a meaningful role in keeping others safe.

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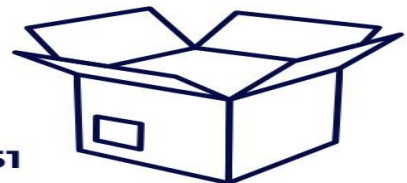
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Meetings and Contacts

SLCCV RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please remember that these rules and regulations are written by the park owners, the Wynne Building Corporation. They are listed in the directory after the names and addresses of residents who choose to be listed in the directory. The H.O.A. and the Sheriff's Department Community Observation Patrol (C.O.P.) do not enforce any listed rules or regulations. If you have issues with them, please contact ccvconcerns@spanishlakes.com

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Clubs and Organizations are welcome and encouraged to submit articles of interest to the community.