

The New Horizons



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SEPTEMBER 2026

MFL HOME OF THE MONTH

163 North Lake Drive

Congratulations to our wonderful residents
ALBERT STRATE & JUDY SAVAGE

Each month, a home in our community is selected by an anonymous committee to receive the "Home of the Month" award. The recipient receives a \$25 gift card and a yard sign to display for the month. Thank you for helping keep our community a beautiful place to live!

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Manager's Corner – September Update

🌸 September in Florida & Community Updates 🌸

As summer begins to wind down, September in Florida brings warm sunshine, afternoon rain showers, and the first hints of the fall season. It's a great time to enjoy outdoor activities, connect with neighbors, and take advantage of all the amenities our community has to offer.

🚧 Gate Improvement Project

We're excited to share that our **new and improved gate repair project** will be underway within the next couple of weeks. These upgrades are designed to improve the functionality and durability of the gate system. We appreciate your patience during the repair process and will provide additional updates as work progresses.

🚗 Vehicle Decals

If you need a decal for your vehicle, please stop by the office and bring your **current vehicle registration**. Our team will be happy to assist you in obtaining a new sticker.

🦎 Wildlife Reminder

Living in Florida means sharing our beautiful environment with a variety of wildlife, including alligators. For the safety of our residents, pets, and wildlife, **please do not feed the alligators or any other wildlife in the community**. Feeding wildlife can cause animals to lose their natural fear of people and may create unsafe situations for everyone.

🍁 Looking Ahead

As we move into the fall season, be on the lookout for upcoming community events, activities, and announcements. We encourage everyone to enjoy the changing season and all the wonderful opportunities to connect with friends and neighbors.

Thank you for being a valued part of our community. We wish everyone a wonderful September! 🌸 ☀️

Allie and Me'Shelle

The K. Lowe-Down Monthly Musings from your Activities Director



Welcoming September and the Season Ahead

As we say goodbye to a busy summer and welcome September, thank you to everyone who participated in our August events. From the Ice Cream Dice Game and Coffee Social to the Luau by the Pool, School Supply Drive, and Birthday & Anniversary Celebration, it was wonderful to see residents enjoying fellowship, fun, and community spirit.

A special thank you to our volunteers, ELS Management, and Activities Department staff. Your support helps make Mid Florida Lakes a vibrant and welcoming community.

Community Event Scheduling Update

As our community calendar continues to grow, many future ELS-sponsored events will be scheduled on **Tuesdays**. To allow adequate time for decorating and setup, the **Large Hall may be prepared on Mondays and secured Monday evening** prior to Tuesday activities.

We will continue working closely with club leaders to minimize scheduling conflicts and appreciate everyone's cooperation as we expand community programming.

Labor Day Reminder

Please note that **ELS offices will be closed Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day**. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

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~The K. Lowe-Down continued

September Coffee Social

Join us for our monthly Coffee Social on **Thursday, Sept 10 at 9:30 AM in the Large Hall.**

This month's presentation will feature **CATurday**, a program supported by the Lake County Humane Society and community partners. Learn about the humane **Catch, Fix, and Release** approach to managing community cat populations.

Enjoy coffee, breakfast treats, and great conversation while staying informed about community happenings.

ELS Indoor Harvest Carnival

Our featured event this month is the **Indoor Harvest Carnival** on **Tuesday, Sept 22, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Large Hall.**

Presented in partnership with the Shuffleboard Club, this fun-filled event includes:

- Games and prizes
- Popcorn and cotton candy
- Food and refreshments
- Entertainment and activities
- Special participation from ARC students

Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased during Wednesday ticket sales from **10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Small Hall.** For information, contact **Eileen Clark at 276-233-9719.** All ticket sales are final after **Sept 16.**

Birthday & Anniversary Celebration

Join us on **Friday, Sept 25 at 1:00 PM in the Large Hall** for our monthly Birthday & Anniversary Celebration.

Everyone is welcome, whether it's your special month or not. Enjoy cake, games, raffle prizes, laughter, and fellowship while connecting with friends and neighbors.

Community-Wide Yard Sale

Our annual **Community-Wide Yard Sale** returns on **Saturday, Sept 26.**

Whether you're clearing out unwanted items, hunting for treasures, or visiting with neighbors, this popular event is always a community favorite.

Looking Ahead

Sept is packed with activities. Be sure to check the Activities Calendar and Save the Date section for details on:

- HOA Sept Games Night
- Lunch by the Pool
- Fall Bake Sales
- Butch & Pam's Karaoke Night
- Rock & Roll Dance

Looking ahead to October, mark your calendars for the:

- Annual Craft Fair
- ELS Oktoberfest
- Possible HOA Flea Market
- Halloween Dance

Welcome to the 2026-2027 season! We have a full calendar of entertainment, activities, and opportunities to connect with neighbors.

Thank You for Supporting Our Community

The success of our events would not be possible without the support of our residents, volunteers, ELS Management, and staff. Every person who attends an event, purchases a ticket, donates supplies, helps with setup, or welcomes a new neighbor contributes to the strong sense of community that makes Mid Florida Lakes special.

As cooler weather approaches and a new season of activities begins, we look forward to creating even more opportunities for friendship, fun, and community involvement.

Thank you for making Mid Florida Lakes such a wonderful place to live. We look forward to seeing you throughout September and sharing another month of community spirit together.

Kathie Lowe,

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Mid-Florida Lakes
Oktoberfest
2026 ANNUAL CELEBRATION
DINNER SHOW
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY
the Brussel Sprouts
**MONDAY
OCTOBER
12TH**
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

PROST!

DELICIOUS FOOD
GERMAN BEER & DRINKS
DANCING
FUN GAMES

\$10 TICKETS

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT TICKET SALES ON
WEDNESDAYS FROM 10 AM TO 11 AM
OR CONTACT GINGERLILY AT 352-782-2718

ALL TICKET SALES WILL BE FINAL
AND NOT SOLD AFTER OCTOBER 5TH.

The Value of Productive Conflict 2026 Blue Ocean Brain

Turning Conflict Into Opportunity

Amid conflict swirling around, it can be difficult to tell whether you're actually getting anywhere with heated interactions. While productive conflict has legitimate value in moving a project forward, unproductive conflict will have everyone going nowhere fast.

▶ **Here's how to resolve a few of the different problems that can arise during unproductive conflict:**

Losing focus:

Participants in an unproductive conflict often press the same points over and over, and there's often argument about what the issue at hand even is.

Fix it: Agree upon a common goal to ensure a productive outcome. Whatever the issue is, all parties should agree on the end result, even if they differ on the path it takes to get there.

Not listening:

Unproductive conflict is characterized by people listening only to hear when the other speaker has finished talking so that they can jump in again.

Fix it: Use reflective listening. Make sure you understand what the other speaker is saying by repeating the main idea back to them before adding your own commentary. Only by clearly and fully understanding another's point of view can two (or more) people begin to genuinely resolve a conflict.

Blaming:

Conflict is problematic when participants dredge up past hurts and wrongs. This isn't the time to settle a score or get revenge based on previous incidents.

Fix it: Productive conflict focuses on the core issue. Stay on topic and dedicated to the task at hand. Going off on tangents, no matter how tempting, can muddy the problem.

Being disrespectful:

Conflict that is combative does not move either side toward their goal. Everyone involved should avoid name calling, sarcasm, and similarly disrespectful language.

Fix it: Resolve conflict through conversation. A back-and-forth conversation is likely to generate a positive result through productive conflict.

Using "You" language:

Unproductive conflict is characterized by "You" statements, like "You think this project is...." This projection of what you assume someone thinks, feels, or experiences isn't constructive and can make others feel defensive.

Fix it: Use "I" statements like, "I believe that. . ." Communicate effectively by explaining your position and speaking for yourself.

Being selfish:

When participants are only interested in advancing their own ideas, they may be engaged in unproductive conflict, and more concerned with victory than *actually* addressing the issue at the center of the disagreement.

Fix it: Express interest in the ideas of the other side. The ideal result of any conflict is a common solution, not winning.

Conflict isn't easy on anyone; nearly everyone surveyed for a study carried out by VitalSmarts, a leadership training company, said they found it hard to express an opinion that differed from the group.

Zeroing in on Conflict Sources

Conflict is a nearly universal experience. In fact, 85 percent of respondents in a study on workplace conflict carried out by CPP said they've faced conflict at work, and almost one-third said conflict was a nearly constant issue for them. Red flags that signal conflict is inevitable include repeated or significant interruptions of the expected workflow, and poor or lacking communication among employees. But if you can identify the source of the conflict, you'll be able to begin the necessary steps to resolve it.

Many incidents of workplace conflict can be explored within three categories: interpersonal, organizational, and external.

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Interpersonal

The roots of interpersonal conflict typically come down to the natural differences among people, from their personalities to their behaviors, values, and communication styles. Disagreements and misunderstandings can erupt into full-blown conflict if not addressed while still relatively small. This kind of conflict can exist among internal and external peer contacts, as well as among supervisors and staff.

When productive, interpersonal conflict can expand people's thinking and push them to develop critical skills like effective communication and adaptability. Work on developing more versatile communication skills, so that even if agreement doesn't come easy among two people, any potentially destructive conflict can be turned into one that is productive.

Organizational

This kind of conflict often comes down to two things: communication and resources. A lack of well-defined missions, goals, or job responsibilities presents prime opportunities for conflict among employees. Competition for finite resources often pits departments against each other. Limited resources can also prompt re-organization of the company. When these constraints aren't communicated to employees clearly, conflict can arise. People can become territorial or feel threatened (or both!) and will fight for their budgets or even their jobs. Organizational conflict presents opportunities for growth through improved communication skills, creative problem solving, and collaboration. Team building efforts can help get everyone's efforts and goals in better alignment with available resources.

External

External conflict may be the most challenging to navigate. It can be truly external, such as a company facing market changes, technology trends, or consumer behavior shifts. Or it can be outside-of-work issues that affect employees directly and may carry over into the workplace, such as illness, divorce, or other personal hardships. Improved team-building skills can be the valuable take-away from this kind of conflict. External conflicts have the potential to bring employees closer together instead of driving them apart if they can draw upon a foundation of strong interpersonal connections.

Understanding the origin of a conflict can provide crucial insight as to how and why the conflict came about, as well as what steps might be necessary to resolve it, if possible.

A Workfront white paper reported that about one-third of respondents said poor communication was their top cause of workplace conflict; it was followed closely by conflicting priorities.

Three Tips for Fostering Productive Conflict

As we've stated, conflict isn't necessarily a bad thing. In fact, using the energy that's inherent within it can propel teams forward in unexpected and creative ways. Here are a few tips to harness so that conflict produces positive results:

Focus on solutions.

Avoid letting the conflict take center stage. The core element of conflict is a problem, and it needs a solution. Critically examine the problem. Is there an underlying issue that's been overlooked?

Use effective communication skills when interacting with colleagues.

Explain ideas clearly and plainly. Listen carefully, and be thoughtful in reply. Consider others' points of view. Perhaps opponents are making valid arguments. Maybe they are pointing out something you don't see. Figure out how differences among people add value.

Learn to adapt.

A conflict that ends in a draw is no good. Not every project goes according to plan all the time; however, a mutually agreeable solution is important to success. Resolving the conflict with an effective solution is more important than being right.

The Equity LifeStyle Properties Security Team The Dangers of AI Art and Deepfakes

What are AI Art and Deepfakes?

AI art is generated using billions of images and examples of art. When you enter a prompt, the AI art generator builds an image for you by combining many of these examples into a single image. Deepfake technology is similar, but it involves manipulating real photographs and videos of people and places. This technology can make it look like a person did or said something that they never did. Both of these technologies can be used in a harmless way, but cybercriminals have learned to use them maliciously.

Deepfake Scams

Scammers can use deepfake technology to impersonate celebrities or other public figures. This type of scam can make it seem like a celebrity has endorsed a product even though they have not. Scammers use this technique to trick people into purchasing a fake product, and they will steal consumers' personal or financial information. Deepfakes can be used for political figures as well. A deepfake video can make it appear that a government official said or did something that they didn't say or do. These types of videos can be used to lure people into visiting fake websites or clicking on fake news articles.

AI-Generated Art and Photograph Scams

Cybercriminals commonly use AI in online romance scams. They can generate fake photographs to use in dating profiles to try and steal money or information from their victims. The cybercriminals will also use current events as the subject of their scams. They use AI to create realistic photographs of tragedies and other events. They post the photographs on fake websites to coerce people into donating money to a charity organization. The organization is fake, of course, and the cybercriminals will keep any donated money.

What Can I Do to Stay Safe?

Follow the tips below to keep yourself safe from AI art scams:

- AI-generated images often have subtle differences or mistakes. Keep an eye out for anything in the photograph that appears to be unusual. A hand with more than five fingers or a photograph with strange lighting or shadows are common signs that an image was created with AI.
- Always stop and think before clicking or taking action. If a photograph or image seems bizarre or too good to be true, it could be a scam.
- When possible, verify the claim in a different location. For example, if you see a video with a celebrity endorsement, check that person's official website for proof that they are actually involved with the product.
- **Don't Fall For a Recall**
- You receive an email that appears to be from Amazon. It states that an item from your recent order has a design defect that could be unsafe and instructs you to select a link to request a refund. The email doesn't give any details about the product or the safety hazard, but if you've ordered from Amazon recently, you might be tempted to select the link to see if something you purchased is affected.

But this email is actually a phishing scam! Cybercriminals send these vague "product recall" emails to as many people as possible, hoping that you recently ordered something from Amazon and will impulsively follow their instructions. If you select the link, it leads to a fake Amazon login page. If you enter your login information, cybercriminals can gain access to your Amazon account!

Follow these tips to avoid falling victim to a phishing scam:

- If you receive a product recall notice that appears to be from Amazon, don't select any links in the email. Open the Amazon app or visit the official website to see if the recall is genuine.
- Be skeptical of any urgent email that's vague about which product is involved or what the safety issue actually is. This lack of detail is intentional and is designed to trick you.
- Remember, cybercriminals use urgency to trick you. If you receive an email that pressures you to act quickly, always stop and think first!

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Important Update Regarding *The New Horizon*

~August & September Editions Available Online Only

Dear Residents,

We continue to experience publication challenges that have affected the printing of *The New Horizon*. Unfortunately, due to these ongoing issues, both the **August and September editions** will be available exclusively online at **MFLHOA.com**.

I understand how much many of you enjoy receiving and reading the printed newsletter, and I sincerely apologize for the inconvenience caused by the absence of printed copies. Please know that we are working diligently to resolve these challenges and restore paper publication as soon as possible.

In the meantime, I encourage all residents to visit **MFLHOA.com** to access the latest editions and stay informed about upcoming events, activities, announcements, and community news.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued support. Your participation, enthusiasm, and involvement are what make our community events successful and our neighborhood such a wonderful place to call home.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the coming months and sharing in all the fun, excitement, and opportunities our community has to offer.

Warm Regards,
Kathie Lowe, Activities Director/Clubhouse Manager

Recycling Update for Residents

Even though recycling is no longer being picked up separately here at Mid Florida Lakes, rest assured that Waste Management (WM) continues to recycle materials. As part of its updated process, recyclable items are transported to a sorting facility where they are separated and processed using advanced technology. Any remaining non-recyclable waste is sent to a waste-to-energy facility, where it is converted into electricity rather than being placed in a landfill.

WM is investing more than **\$1 billion through 2026** in high-tech recycling facility upgrades across the country. These improvements include advanced optical sorting equipment, automation, and contamination-reduction technology designed to improve recycling efficiency. In Florida, the focus has been on single-stream processing and encouraging residents to "Recycle Right" to reduce contamination in the recycling stream.

One of the reasons for these changes is that many recyclable items are not being sorted or disposed of properly, which can make traditional recycling programs less effective. These challenges are not unique to our community and are being experienced nationwide.

Residents who no longer wish to keep their recycling bins may place them at the curb alongside their garbage cart on Friday, and Waste Management will collect them.

Newsletter Submissions

To ensure timely publication of *The New Horizon*, all articles and club information must be submitted by the 15th of each month. Content received after the 15th will be included in the following month's newsletter. Please email all submissions and updates to:
Kathie_Lowe@equitylifestyle.com

Thank you for your cooperation.

MFL Clubhouse Wi-Fi
Large Hall Wi-Fi Name:
MIDFLORIDALKSCH
Password: Password6020
Small Hall Wi-Fi name:
MFL_CC
Password: heavyflower374

September's MFL Club Spotlight

Shuffleboard Club

SHUFFLEBOARD... IT'S MORE THAN A GAME! It's friendship. It's community. It's laughter.

Shuffleboard may start with a cue and a disc—but what happens on our courts is about so much more! The MFL Shuffleboard Club is a friendly, welcoming group that brings our community together all year long. We host Resident Appreciation Nights, Wine & Cheese Nights, Ladies Nights, social gatherings, tournaments, and plenty of opportunities to simply come out, laugh, and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors.

And our fun doesn't stop at our own courts! We are proud to give back to our larger community through our special partnership with The Arc, a local day program serving adults with disabilities. Each year, our club sponsors an Arc Shuffleboard Tournament and Awards Celebration, helps raise funds for the local program on Radio Road, and hosts social events where everyone can enjoy friendship, fun, and fellowship.

WHY SHUFFLEBOARD?

Shuffleboard is one of those rare activities that truly has something for everyone. It's easy enough for a beginner to pick up, but challenging enough to keep you learning and improving.

COME AS YOU ARE

No experience necessary! Whether you've never picked up a cue or you're already a seasoned player, there's a place for you on our courts.

MAKE FRIENDS

Shuffleboard is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors, enjoy some laughs, and become part of a fun and welcoming community.

GET MOVING

Enjoy gentle, low-impact activity while spending time outdoors. It's movement without the pressure of a strenuous workout. Accommodations can be made for anyone.

PLAY THE GAME

Think shuffleboard is just about sliding a disc? Think again! Successful players learn to read the court, judge the drift, plan their shots, and develop strategies that make every game different.

COME FOR THE GAME... STAY FOR THE FUN!

Whether you want to play casually, socialize with friends, learn the game, or test your skills in competition, we would love to have you join us. Equipment is provided – just come ready to have fun!

MONDAY & FRIDAY • 9:00 AM

TUESDAY • 5:00 PM

Questions or want more information?

Call or text Eileen Colonna at 276-233-9719

MFL SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB

Where neighbors become friends... one game at a time!



For clubhouse or grounds emergencies outside business hours, call: 352-589-8300. The answering service will contact on-call personnel. *For fire, police, or medical emergencies, always dial 911.*

Lift Assistance Available: Lake County Fire Rescue provides non-emergency lift assistance, help transfer, and guidance on medical needs. 352-383-1200

Protect Your Home: Lake County Fire Rescue will: Test detectors, replace batteries, and install new units if yours is 10+ years old. Schedule at 352-343-9450.

Notary Service Available - (By appointments only)

Lorraine Van Hoesen: 305-872-2210 or Jeff Beardsley: 425-870-7996

Shine Bright, Stay Safe! Free reflective safety tape is available in the Activities Office.

Use it on: Clothing, Bikes, Golf carts Enhance visibility when outdoors at night. Provided by the MFL HOA.

St. Johns River Water Management District

Watering Days

Odd or No Address-Wednesdays and/or Saturdays

Even Address-Thursdays and/or Sundays

Non-Residential-Tuesdays and/or Fridays

Key Rules Limitations: No watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Duration: Maximum 1 hour per zone

Exceptions: New plant material/reclaimed water often have different, less stringent rules.

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**Daylight Saving Time
Watering schedule
(2nd Sunday in March –
1st Sunday in November)**



Clubhouse Rentals Available: Our clubhouse facilities are available for your next event! Clubhouse Halls: \$50 fee + \$50 refundable deposit Small Rooms: \$50 refundable deposit only All reservations require a signed contract, and some exceptions may apply. To learn more or to book a space, please contact Kathie at: 352-504-2760 or

Kathie_lowe@equitylifestyle.com



ATTENTION MFL RESIDENTS: Grow Your Business Locally! Turn your neighbors into customers and put your business in the spotlight! We are officially renting ad space in the newsletter to residents who want to promote their professional services or local businesses. Whether you're a contractor, a consultant, or a creator, this is your chance to reach your community directly. Monthly Rates: Business Card: \$45 ~ 1/4 Page: \$85 ~ 1/2 Page: \$110 ~ Full Page: \$160

A variety of durable medical equipment is currently available for loan, including crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, commode (potty) chairs, etc., all intended to support mobility, safety, and daily living needs. For more information or to arrange a loan, please contact Charlie Downing at (603) 767-8507 or Mike Daley via text 541-941-0728 or e-mail or Mikedaley1008@gmail.com



Waste Collection Notice: Mid-Florida Lakes Pick-Up Procedures

Regular Collection Schedule (Mid Florida Lakes):

***Garbage/Trash: Every Tuesday and Friday**

Missed Pick-Ups & Bulk Item Collection: If your trash is missed or you need a bulk item picked up, contact the Mid-Florida Lakes Office immediately at 352-589-8300.

When Calling, Be Ready to Provide: Your name · Address · Phone number · Details of the missed pick-up (which day) or type of bulk item

Bulk Item Reminder: Furniture, appliances, & other large items must be placed at the curb no more than 48 hours before the scheduled pick-up.



We're dedicated to ensuring seniors and veterans receive the essential services they've earned. From daily wellness checks and in-home support to protection against financial scams, here's a quick overview of key local and statewide resources available to you and your loved ones.

For daily living support, contact the Lake County Elder Options Helpline at 1-800-262-2243 (Mon–Fri, 8AM–5PM). They provide Meals on Wheels, housekeeping help, caregiver support, and free Medicare counseling through the SHINE program. This helpline serves as the main gateway to local aging resources.

Lake County Senior Services (352-326-3540) Lake County Elder Affairs (352-742-6521): Your main contact for general senior service inquiries and local program information.

Veteran Benefits & In-Home Care: Lake County Veterans Services (352-742-6585) helps veterans navigate Florida and federal benefits, file VA disability claims, request military records, and obtain ID cards—ensuring access to all earned entitlements.

Veterans Care Coordination (855-380-4400): Provides support with the VA Pension with Aid & Attendance benefit, helping veterans and surviving spouses with the application process and coordinating Homemaker Home Health Aide Care.

Personal Safety & Wellness–Senior Watch Program: The Senior Watch Program (352-343-2101, LCSO Non-Emergency Line) offers daily check-in calls for individuals living alone or with medical issues. If a participant does not calling in, operators will attempt to contact and dispatch a Deputy Sheriff if needed to ensure their safety.

Seniors vs. Crime Hotline (1-800-203-3099): A dedicated resource for seniors facing scams, fraud, or deceptive practices, helping victims reclaim their money and restore their peace of mind.

Attorney General Fraud Hotline (1-866-9-NO-SCAM / 1-866-966-7226): For reporting consumer fraud, scams, and deceptive business practices throughout Florida.

Vial Of Life: This is a small container that contains all the pertinent information (allergies are just one example of things they should know to help you) that the paramedics may need, especially if you are unable to answer their questions when they arrive. When a person is unable to communicate, all the information is readily available to the proper professionals in the vial of life. These vials are available in the HOA office, so feel free to contact any board member to get one or come by the office when the HOA is open,

Law Enforcement	Lake County Sheriff (Non-Emergency): 352-343-2101
 Fire & Rescue	Lake County EMS/Fire (Non-Emergency Info): 352-742-4760 Fire Rescue (Non-Emergency Info): 352-343-9458
 Nearest Hospital	UF Health Leesburg Hospital, Address: 600 E Dixie Ave, Leesburg, FL 34748 Main Phone: 352-323-5762
 Medical & Health Hotlines	Poison Control (24/7): 1-800-222-1222 Elder Help Line (Florida): 1-800-262-2243

Wildlife & Animal Services Know who to call for domestic and nuisance wildlife issues:

Service	Contact Number	Pertinent Information
Lake County Animal Service	352-343-9688	For reporting animal abuse, stray, aggressive dogs, or domestic animals in distress.
FL Nuisance Alligator (FWC)	1-866-FWC-GATOR (1-866-392-4286)	For alligators 4 feet or longer that pose a threat to people, pets, or property.
FL Nuisance Bear (FWC)	850-265-3676 (Regional) 1-888-404-FWCC (24-Hr Alert)	For reporting problem or nuisance black bear activity to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).
FL Wildlife (General/Other) (FWC)	1-888-404-FWCC (1-888-404-3922)	FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline for general wildlife issues, violations, or reporting sick/injured non-domestic animals.

12 Community Moments and Warm Welcomes

Welcome
New



Residents!

There is something truly special about the first few weeks in a new home—the excitement of a fresh start, the beauty of our lakeside views, and the anticipation of new friendships. If you have recently moved in, or if you see a moving truck pulling in down the street, we want you to know that you aren't just moving into a house; you're joining a vibrant, active family. The **Welcome Wagon of Mid Florida Lakes** is a dedicated group of volunteers whose sole mission is to ensure every new neighbor feels right at home from day one. Your Guide to the Neighborhood Navigating a new community can be overwhelming, but we're here to make it easy. Our volunteers provide every new resident with an **Informational Packet**. Inside, you'll find our Comprehensive booklet, which serves as your "owner's manual" for life at Mid Florida Lakes. It includes details on:

- **Clubs & Activities:** From hobbies to fitness, find out where you fit in.
- **The Community Clubhouse:** Your hub for social gatherings and events.
- **Amenities:** Everything you need to know about our pools, docks, and more.

If you have questions or concerns that aren't covered in the booklet, our volunteers are happy to refer you to the proper source to get the answers you need.

Pro Tip: Keep an eye on the *New Horizon*, our monthly community newsletter, for the specific dates and times of these upcoming meetings!

Come Say Hello!

We would love to meet you in person. Whether you have a question, need a packet, or just want to see a friendly face, stop by and see us. **When:** Every Wednesday morning. **Time:** 10:00 am – 11:00 am. **Where:** The Small Hall.

Get in Touch

Can't make it on Wednesday morning? No problem! For more information or to request a packet, please feel free to reach out to our coordinators: **Carolyn Griffith:** 231-510-9518 **Judy Silver:** 570-472-4505

We look forward to meeting you and helping you discover why MFL is such a wonderful place to call home.



Forever
in our hearts

September

IN LOVING

MEMORY

OUR COMMUNITY IS DEEPLY SADDENED
BY THE LOSS OF



and always
Remembered



JAMES HANLON

07-31-26



CHARLES "CHUCK" GRIDER

08-07-26

GAY CONNORS IS THE

MEMORIAL CHAIRPERSON

CONTACT HER WITH YOUR LOVED ONES
MEMORIAL INFORMATION AT

 **352-400-0456**

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MFL 2026 LUAU

A Day of Fun, Friendship & Aloha Spirit

The MFL 2026 Luau was a wonderful celebration filled with sunshine, laughter, friendship, and plenty of island spirit! Residents embraced the tropical theme with colorful leis, Hawaiian shirts, tropical dresses, flower crowns, and festive accessories, creating a vibrant display of Aloha throughout the day.

Our beautiful poolside setting was transformed into a tropical paradise, enhanced by authentic Hawaiian shirt décor generously provided by Tom Loonam from his collection of more than 80 Hawaiian shirts. The colorful shirts blowing gently in the breeze, along with beautiful bright decorations, created the perfect backdrop for a memorable celebration.

A Day to Remember

There was truly something for everyone to enjoy. Residents gathered with friends to savor delicious food, visit the ELS Tiki Bar, enjoy lively music and entertainment, and spend quality time together. The festive atmosphere encouraged everyone to relax, laugh, socialize, and embrace the spirit of the islands.

The Aloha Dancers and Performers brought people together and kept the energy high throughout the event, while the many photographs captured the joy, laughter, and unforgettable moments shared by our residents.

Capturing the Aloha Spirit

From group photos with our fabulous Aloha dancers to poolside snapshots, candid smiles, and creative tropical outfits, the pictures perfectly captured the spirit of the day. Each photograph tells the story of new memories made, old friendships celebrated, and a community coming together to enjoy a special occasion.

More Than a Party

What made the MFL Luau truly special was not just the decorations, food, music, or entertainment. It was friendship, connection, and togetherness shared throughout the celebration. Events like these provide meaningful opportunities for our residents to connect, celebrate, and create lasting memories with one another.

Mahalo for the Memories!

We are grateful to everyone who attended and helped make the MFL 2026 Luau such a wonderful success. Thank you for bringing your enthusiasm, smiles, and Aloha spirit to the celebration.

Here's to the laughter, the dancing, the fabulous outfits, the delicious food, and most importantly, the wonderful people who made this event so memorable.

ALOHA! Until the next adventure!

14 Community Moments and Warm Welcomes



Community Moments and Warm Welcomes 15



16 Community Moments and Warm Welcomes



Greetings from the HOA Board!

As we head into Fall the snowbirds will soon return to the park to enjoy the cooler weather along with the residents who stayed and basked in the Summer heat. Please welcome them back with open arms just like you always do and please inform them of any changes in our community while they were gone. As just one example of this, make sure that they're aware of the changes in our garbage pickup policy. It's possible that they don't know and we don't want them to find out the hard way.

Our website has a lot of information about the happenings in our community and we try to keep that updated on a regular and ongoing basis. If you haven't visited the website lately, we encourage you to check it out. We're continuously adding to it and we want you to have confidence that you can trust the information provided in it. Since we're entering the Fall season, it's not too early to talk about the upcoming HOA Board elections.

There will be five (5) seats opening for positions on the HOA board of directors.

Nominations are due and will be closed to additional candidates at the HOA general meeting in November.

There are several qualifications to be met to be able to run for the board:

- You must be the owner of a home in our community.

- You must be a member of good standing in the HOA, meaning that your dues have been paid.

- You must submit a resume to the election committee, and you will be interviewed by a person who is on the election committee.

- You must not have a personal agenda; this board is for the greater good of the community as a whole and not for personal gains.

- If and when elected you will have 90 days to get certified through FMO class pertaining to government documents and procedures (Florida Statute 723.0781)

Nominations will be closed at the November 2nd general meeting. There will be a 'Meet the Candidates' event at a time to be announced before the December meeting. To nominate a candidate for the HOA board please contact Carol Tucci. (856 981 4927 or tuccicarol@yahoo.com). Candidates meeting this criteria will also be asked to provide a photo and a brief description of your qualifications and why you are running for the board. This information will be posted on the website on a page dedicated to the upcoming election.

Election will be held at the December 7th annual meeting. One vote per household per (Florida Statute 723.078).

For volunteer information or to learn how you can get involved, please contact committee members:

Elise at 717-599-6412 or Bonnie at 603-767-9394.

Thank you
Mid Florida Lakes
HOA board
352-589-8305

HOA Bulletin Board
Rules: MFL
Homeowners Only,
4-inch x 5-inch limit,
must be dated, No
soliciting.

*Notices that do not
meet these criteria
will be removed.*

*(The board by the
coffee station in the
small hall)*

Mid Florida Lakes Board Members

Steve Hahn- President sjhahn4545@gmail.com

Vince Freeman- Vice President vf126945@gmail.com

Phillip James- Treasurer mfltreasurer@proton.me

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Elise Freeman: dha112rma@gmail.com

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Tom Strittmatter: tstritts@aol.com

Bonnie Downing: bonnie_downing@yahoo.com

Carol Tucci: tuccicarol@yahoo.com

HOA notary: Jeff Beardsley 425 870 7996

The MFL HOA food program
is offering food prior to Bingo.

**Lunch by the Pool
September
3rd&17th@11:30AM**

**Dinner before Bingo
September 9th & 23rd @ 4PM**

If there is a 5th Wednesday of
the month, the HOA will take
offers from MFL Clubs to
provide food services. Please
contact HOA for more info.

Visit MFLHOA.com

Your Go-To Community Resource! Make the Mid Florida Lakes HOA
website, MFLHOA.com, part of

your daily routine. The site features the most up to date information on community
events, clubs, calendars, and emergency info for residents and pets. You'll always
find the latest edition of *New Horizons*, along with real-time updates that may not
appear in the printed version. Accessible 24/7 from your computer, tablet, or
phone, the website is designed to keep you informed and connected.



Like us on
[Facebook.com/
MidFloridaLake](https://www.facebook.com/MidFloridaLake)

Aug's Pancake Breakfast:

58- Served; 12-Volunteers; 2-Guest; 9-Takeouts ~Audrey Patterson

DICE, CARDS & BOARD GAMES WEEK at a GLANCE

SUNDAY

- 1:00PM: Wizard
- 5:30PM: Dominos
- 5:00PM: "313"

MONDAY

- 5:00PM: Double Pinochle
- 5:00PM: Backgammon
- 5:00PM: "313"
- 6:00PM: Euchre

TUESDAY

- 12:00PM: Double Pinochle
- 5:30PM: Dominos
- 5:30PM: Pitch

WEDNESDAY

- 1:00PM: Wizard
- 5:00PM: "313"

THURSDAY

- 1:00PM: "313"
- 5:00PM&5:30PM: Dominos
- 6:00PM: "313"
- 6:30PM: Cribbage

FRIDAY

- 12:00PM: Single/Double Pinochle
- 5:00PM: "313"

SATURDAY

- 12:00PM: Double Pinochle
- 6:00PM Wizard

Anyone interested in Hand and Foot, please
Contact: Lasie Smith at 352-901-8936

Swing by the small hall and join in a game!

WATER AEROBICS
(WEATHER PERMITTING)
THURS & SAT
AT 8:30AM
STARTS MAY 2ND
CAROL BORST
414-412-4691

WATER EXERCISE
MON, WED, FRI
@ 9:30AM
STARTS MAY 4TH
BARBARA FAULKNER
352-431-6172



**Monday,
Wednesday,
Friday**
8AM to 9AM
**in the
Large Hall**

**For more
info call
Carol Borst
414-412-4691**



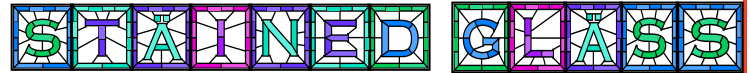
Shuffleboard Practice
Monday & Friday at 9am
Tuesday at 5pm
Come learn about the game!

Sew Bee It



Will begin meeting
every Monday
at 12pm starting in
October in the Meeting Room,
when there is an HOA meeting
they meet at 12:00PM.

For more information, call Carol
at 352-348-5111



Wed & Fri @1PM In the Meeting Room
Cindi Ford 616-643-3498



Wed 9:30AM-12PM
\$3 Cost for Instruction Per Class
No Experience Necessary
Supplies are provided for your
initial painting.
You are encouraged to purchase
your own supplies.
Supply list available upon request.
Beginners Welcome!

Although Thia is a Snowbird, she is pleased to
announce that classes will continue this summer
overseen by Linda Daniels 904-566-3658

STEP INTO FUN, FRIENDSHIP & GREAT MUSIC!

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS	TUESDAY 9:30 TO 10:30 A.M.
HIGH BEGINNERS	TUESDAY 10:45 TO 12 P.M.
HIGH BEGINNERS/IMPROVER	FRIDAY 10:45 TO 12 P.M.

IN THE LARGE HALL

BOOK CLUB
is Starting Back Up!

**SEPTEMBER 29TH
AT 10 A.M.**

Come read with us! ♥

Join fellow readers on September 29th at 10 a.m. in the meeting room for

Great books, engaging discussion,

and wonderful company.

SEPTEMBER PICK!

We look forward to seeing you there!

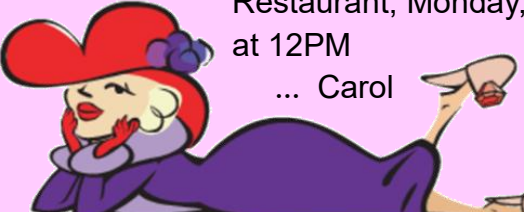
For more information, please call Gingerlily at 352-782-2718.




Red Hat Luncheon will be held at Luigi's Italian Restaurant, Monday, September 21st at 12PM

... Carol

WE MAY NOT HAVE IT ALL TOGETHER... BUT TOGETHER WE HAVE IT ALL!



The Children's Christmas Committee

will be having our

BAKE SALES

the 1st and 3rd THURSDAYS

in

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

from 11:30-2:00

in the large hall.

We will have, as always, delicious home made goodies!

MADE WITH ♥

Hope to see you there!

As always, thank you for your continued support.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST
MFL HOA

YUMMY!

**Saturday,
Sept 12th at 8AM in LH**

MID FLORIDA LAKES

Annual

FALL

COMMUNITY WIDE

YARD SALE

GET READY!

**SATURDAY,
SEPT. 26TH**

8AM TO 1PM

SHOP LOCAL. SUPPORT NEIGHBORS. STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY.





★ PATRIOTS DAY ★ MEMORIAL CEREMONY

HONORING. REMEMBERING. UNITED.

★ JOIN ★

AMERICAN LEGION POST 330

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
8:45 AM

A special ceremony to honor the memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and recognize the bravery and sacrifice of first responders, service members, and everyday heroes who answered the call in our nation's time of need.



HONOR
those who were lost



REMEMBER
the heroes who served



REFLECT
on the strength of our nation



CELEBRATE
the enduring spirit of unity



**ALL RESIDENTS
ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 330
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 • 8:45 AM**

Lest we forget.





Join us for coffee, conversation, and an educational presentation about Lake County's CATurday Program!



Did you know that one of the most effective ways to reduce the outdoor cat population is through **Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)**? At our September Coffee Social, representatives from local animal welfare organizations will explain how this successful program helps control the community cat population while improving the health and well-being of cats living outdoors.



WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- What Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) means
- How the CATurday program works
- The benefits of spaying and neutering community cats
- How Lake County residents can participate
- Resources available through Lake County Animal Shelter and LEASH, Inc.



ABOUT THE CATURDAY PROGRAM

The CATurday program is designed to help decrease the outdoor cat population through a simple process:

- Cats are humanely trapped
- Cats are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and ear-tipped
- Cats are returned to their outdoor homes



WHY IT MATTERS

TNR programs help reduce unwanted litters, improve community cat health, and decrease nuisance behaviors associated with unaltered cats. By learning about these resources, residents can play an active role in creating a healthier environment for both cats and our community.



EVENT DETAILS

September Coffee Social

- Topic: CATurday: Learn How You Can Help Community Cats
- Date: Thursday, September 10
- Time: 9:30 AM
- Coffee and light refreshments will be served.



ATTEND THE COFFEE SOCIAL AND RECEIVE 3 FREE CATurday COUPONS!

This coupon entitles the caregiver to one FREE Operation Community CATurday Appointment.

Thanks for attending our CATurday School Workshop on our CATurday.

See back of coupon for offer details.



NO COST TO PARTICIPATE!



UP TO 5 CATS PER HOUSEHOLD EACH MONTH



TNR EDUCATION & RESOURCES



ENJOY COFFEE WHILE YOU LEARN!

Bring your questions and discover how local organizations are working together to make a positive impact throughout Lake County. Whether you're a cat lover, have community cats in your neighborhood, or simply want to learn more, all are welcome.

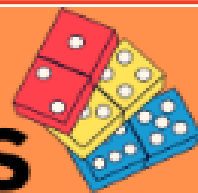
Presented in partnership with:



"Every Day is CATurday when we work together to make a difference for community cats."



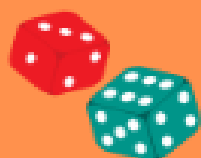
MFL HOA presents



Game Night



**Grab some friends and join us
for some of your old favorites like
Yahtzee, Parcheesi, Uno, Boggle, Old
Maids, Go Fish and many more!!**



**FRIDAY SEPT 18 6-9 pm
Cost is \$3.00 per person**



**Snacks and Drinks provided. We'll have
50/50 drawing and giving away some
Door prizes!**

**Tickets on sale August 26th 10-11 am in the small
hall and Wednesday evenings from 5-6:30 pm**

INDOOR HARVEST CARNIVAL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

★ 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. ★

IN THE LARGE HALL

\$5

TICKETS INCLUDE
MEAL AND ENTRY ONLY.

DJ RYAN

DOES CARD TRICKS!

**FACE
PAINTER!**

MAGICIAN!

BALLOONS!

STILT WALKER!

UNICYCLE!

JUGGLER!

★ CARNIVAL ★
★ TICKET ★

★
SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB
⇒ ⇒ *is hosting* ⇐ ⇐

★
**FUN FOR
EVERYONE!**
★ DON'T MISS IT! ★

Mid Florida Lakes
Fall
CRAFT FAIR

ARTISAN VENDORS | HANDMADE GOODS | UNIQUE GIFTS

Over 100 Tables!
Support Your Local Small Business Owners!

OCTOBER 3, 2026
8 AM – 1 PM

MID FLORIDA LAKES CLUBHOUSE
188 Forest Drive, Leesburg, Florida 34788

Questions or Interested in Being a Vendor?
Contact Tarri O'Shea
midfloridalakesceramics@gmail.com



MEDICARE

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW | YOUR BEST HEALTH DEPENDS ON IT!

MID FLORIDA LAKES RESIDENTS!

JOIN US FOR SWEET TREATS & FRESH COFFEE

THURSDAY/OCTOBER 8th

9:30 in the Large Hall Room

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD
OCT 15th - DEC. 7th

NEW PLANS | MORE BENEFITS
REPRESENTING MOST MAJOR CARRIERS



MARIA HUTCHINSON
SENIOR BROKER
(321) 279-3991



BOB ARCHIE
SENIOR BROKER
(407) 467-1885

We do not offer every plan available in your area. Any information provided is limited to those plans we do offer in your area.
Please contact Medicare.gov or 1-800-MEDICARE to get information on all your options.

SAVE THE DATE

Catholic Mass
at the Clubhouse

Please join us as we begin a monthly Mass celebration for residents.

Beginning
October 5, 2026

Time: 10:30 AM

Location:
Meeting Room

Mass will be celebrated on the *first Monday* of every month.

All residents are warmly welcome to attend for a time of prayer, reflection, and fellowship.

Mid Florida Lakes Vaccine Clinic

Wednesday, October 14th from 10AM-12PM



P3 Medical Will Be Offering Vaccinations at No-Cost with Insurance to Our Residents and Families!

Vaccinations that will be offered include:

Influenza (Quadrivalent, High Dose) Ages 6 months and older

Cost Without Insurance: \$35

Pneumonia (Pneumovax 23 and Prevnar 20) Age 50 and over

Cost Without Insurance: \$125 and \$250

TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) Age 18 and older

Cost Without Insurance: \$65

Shingrix (2 Series) Age 50 and older

Cost Without Insurance: \$220

Hepatitis A (2 Series) Age 18 and older

Cost Without Insurance: \$90

COVID *newest booster only* Ages 18 and older

Cost Without Insurance: \$150

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) - Ages 60 and older

Cost Without Insurance: \$300

*****Please Bring Insurance Card and Photo ID*****

Cash or Check made payable to P3 Medical Inc.

Accepting As Payment: Medicare B, Medicare Advantage, Cigna, UHC, PUP, BC/BS, Aetna, Armed, AARP complete, Humana PPO, Coventry, Great West, and many more!

For Questions, Please Contact Deb Marhee, Clinical Coordinator:
(321) 274-7989 Deb@p3medicalinc.com

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AMERICAN LEGION

AUXILIARY MFL # 330

★ FALL CARD PARTY & DESSERTS ★

\$4.00 **OCTOBER 19, 2026** **12:30 - ?**

★ RAFFLE PRIZES ★



★ 50/50 ★

★ DOOR PRIZE ★



NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR

MID FLORIDA LAKES INDOOR FLEA MARKET

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

188 Forrest Drive, Leesburg, FL 34788

SATURDAY October 24, 2026

8 am to 2 pm

\$10.00 per 8 foot table

Set-up Friday 23 October, 4 – 7 pm and

Saturday 7 – 8 am

CONTACT – Mark Schelling

603 289 5567

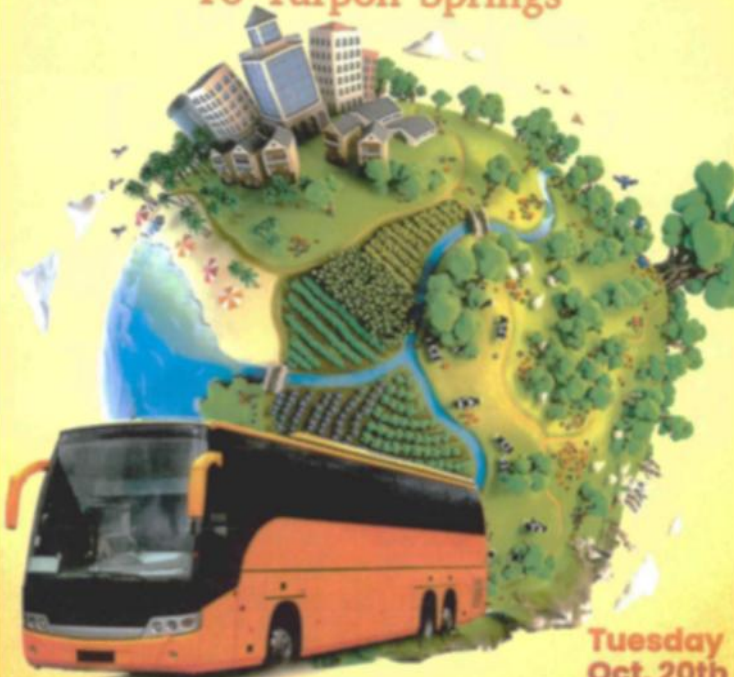
FOOD IS AVAILABLE

Breakfast 8:00 am to 10:00 am - Breakfast sandwiches, Breakfast treats and coffee

Lunch 11:00 am to 1:00pm. Sloppy joe sandwich with chips & drink. Hot dog with chips & drink.

Bus Trip

Grand Island Resort
To Tarpon Springs



**Tuesday
Oct. 20th**

Booking Now | Text Donna at | Greek Village
Round Trip | 518-681-9931 | Sponge Docks

Grand Island Resort to Tarpon Springs
MFL Residents are invited to join us
for this exciting day trip!

Tuesday, October 20th

Greek Village & Sponge Docks

Booking Now

Text Donna at 518-681-9931

For a more polished flyer style, you could use:

★ **MFL Residents Are Invited!** ★

Join us for this exciting day trip to Tarpon Springs
and the famous Sponge Docks.

Reserve your seat today!



Nancy's Bus Trip

Polynesian Luau
October 9th, 2:45PM-10PM
Call Nancy for more info:
516-480-8467

American Legion Post #330

Why We Remember: Reflections by Rod Lewis

In the United States, Patriot Day occurs on September 11 of each year in memory of the victims killed in the September 11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

In the immediate aftermath of the attacks, carried out by terrorists from Al-Qaeda, President George W. Bush proclaimed Friday, September 14, 2001, as a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001.

A bill to make September 11 a national day of mourning was introduced in the U.S. House on October 25, 2001, by Rep. Vito Fossella (R-NY) with 22 co-sponsors.

The result was the resolution to proclaim September 11, 2002, as the first Patriot Day. The flag of the United States is flown at half-mast at the White House and on all U.S. government buildings and establishments throughout the world; Americans are also encouraged to display flags in and outside their homes. Additionally, a moment of silence is observed to correspond with the attacks, beginning at 8:46 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time), the time the first plane, American Airlines Flight 11, struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.



Mid-Florida Lakes will be participating in Patriot Day with members of the American Legion Post 330 and the Womans Auxiliary.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE LARGE HALL AT 8:30 AM FOR OUR HONOURING OF THE SEPT 11th EVENT.

Written by Rod Lewis Historian of the American Legion post 330



Proper Use of an American Flag Disposal Box

American Legion Post #330

Respect for the United States flag includes retiring it properly when it is no longer fit for display. **American Legion Post #330** provides a flag disposal box to ensure worn flags are handled with dignity and respect. The disposal box is conveniently located **outside the clubhouse adjacent to the shuffleboard courts by the water machine**, making it easily accessible to community members.

This disposal box is designated for **official United States flags and United States military service flags only** that are no longer serviceable. **Flags Accepted: United States American Flag, P.O.W./M.I.A. Flag, U.S. Army Flag, U.S. Marine Corps Flag, U.S. Navy Flag, U.S. Air Force Flag, U.S. Space Force Flag, U.S. Coast Guard Flag** - each symbolizing the dedication and sacrifice of our nation and its Armed Forces.

Only flags that are torn, faded, frayed, or otherwise damaged should be placed in the box, while flags still in good condition should continue to be displayed respectfully. Items such as non-military flags, foreign flags, decorative banners, poles, or hardware should not be deposited. Flags collected at **American Legion Post #330** are retired during formal ceremonies conducted with honor and respect. By properly using the disposal box, community members help preserve the dignity these important symbols deserve.

Honoring our heroes, one flag at a time.

American Legion Post 330 and Auxiliary Unit 330 are proud to continue our tradition of honoring our deceased veterans through our Memorial Flag program.

At the veterans' memorial, we fly a service flag representing the veteran's specific branch of service beneath the American flag. Each memorial flag is flown for one month and receives full honors during both the raising and lowering ceremonies. Along with the flag, a dedicated placard featuring the veteran's name, important dates, branch of service, and photo is displayed.

Interested in honoring a loved one?

To coordinate a memorial or for more information, please call Bob Colyer at 352-630-3990.



We hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

On July 4th, the Auxiliary helped the community celebrate our 250th birthday with a fun-filled day at our Clubhouse. After the golf cart parade, everyone enjoyed games followed by a delicious lunch hosted by ELS and the HOA. Our annual Cake Walk was a great success, and prizes were awarded for the best red, white, and blue outfit. Donations of school supplies were generously made by both community residents and our members.

We will be honoring the lives lost on September 11, 2001. It is a time to reflect on the courage of the first responders, the strength of the survivors, and the countless families whose lives were changed forever. Please join us in uniform on this special day.

The installation of officers will take place during our meeting on September 17th in the Large Hall.

Membership dues are now payable. The cost is \$35.00 and can be paid online. Please contact Wanda Goodrich, our Membership Chairperson, if you need assistance with this process.

Thank you to all of our dedicated members who have helped make Unit 330 one of the most successful units in Florida.

Your continued support enables us to carry on our work for veterans and military families.



Bible Study



Looking for a place to dig deeper into God's Word and enjoy meaningful conversation?

Come learn and grow with us! We are a diverse group from many denominations and levels of biblical knowledge, gathering together to read and explore Scripture. We are currently reading the Book of Daniel.

Whether you're brand new to the Bible or have been studying for years, we invite you to join us as we seek a closer, more personal relationship with our Lord and Savior through reading His Word together.

We meet on Mondays from 7:00–8:00 PM.

We join together in the Hospitality Room. As our group continues to grow, we may gather in the Meeting Room instead.

Refreshments will be provided.

For questions or more information, please contact Alecia Barker at 585-519-3627.

We hope to see you there for faith, fellowship, and fun!



Boat Club

September brings some of our winter people home. We can't wait to spend time with them. It also will bring cooler weather and the ability to be out on our boats again.

We look forward to the beginning of fall and all the wonderful things it will bring our way.

Boat Club Events for September

September Social Set Up - Saturday, September 19th 10:00

Members, please come help set up the Large Hall for our September Social.

Thank you in advance!

An email reminder will be sent out the Friday before the event.

September Social - Saturday, September 19th - Social Hour at 5:00 & Dinner at 6:00

This month we are going back in time, to the 70's. We are having a **Dinner Extravaganza!!!**

This event is organized by Elizabeth Carter & Helpers.

The **MENU** this month is the following:

Assorted Appetizers Provided

Vegetable Lasagna & Fried Chicken

Macaroni & Cheese

Green Beans

Rolls

Assorted Desserts Provided

Bring Your Own Beverage - Including Water

The cost is **\$12.00** per person.

We will be having **Door Prizes** and playing **70's Music**.

Members are encouraged to dress in **70's Clothing**.

Cutoff date to buy tickets is September 16th.

Board Meeting - Wednesday, September 23rd at 11:00

The meeting is held in the Hospitality Room, (the one with the piano), which is to the left of the small hall, first door on the right. Board Members and Executive Committee Members should attend, if possible. All other members are welcome to attend.

Boat-A-Cade - Thursday, September 24th - Meet at Lake Melody at 12:00

We will be enjoying a relaxing ride across Lake Eustis. We will be going to **Hurricane Dockside Grill**.

If you are coming by car, the address is 3351 W Burleigh Blvd Tavares.

It is Captained by Dani Bennett (352) 360-3923 & Karen McDaniel (860) 861-7045. If you have questions, reach out to them.

Lake Melody is the Clubhouse Lake. Arrive at 12:00 - Depart at 12:15 - Lunch at 1:00. There will be a Captain's meeting before departing. Those people with "grounded" boats can hook up with those that can travel by boat.

Tickets are \$1.00 per person. The Cutoff date is September 23rd.

General Meeting - Monday, September 28th at 6:30

The meeting is held in the Large Hall. Come and spend time with your fellow club members, eat donuts, and learn about things going on with the club. The meetings are packed with information.

If you have questions, reach out to Debbie Todd, MFL's Boat Club's Communications Director at lildeb444@bellsouth.net



Mid-Florida Lakes Church



September is known for the holiday designated as Labor Day. Labor Day matters to God. The Bible is filled with verses about work in one way or another. Labor Day matters to God because He uses work to give blessings to His people. However, we don't just get blessed by working, we also become a blessing to others through the work we do and the way we work.

We have been studying the New Testament Epistle of James. This document is all about the Marks of Maturity. A key mark of maturity is a faith that demonstrates itself through actions. In short, mature Christians have a "Faith that Works." We will be continuing our study of James throughout the month of September.

One more thing, our work doesn't stop when we retire. I believe that it is when we retire from our job that we get to focus on the real work we are destined to do. That is the work of "building community."

"Building community" is what we are all about at Mid Florida Lakes Church. Every Sunday we close our services by singing the song, "Family of God." That doesn't mean that we have it all figured out, instead it means that it is our goal - to be a community of people who strive to be a family of God.

Our weekly worship services boast of attendees from almost every Christian view. Meet and greet time starts at 9:30 am with the service beginning at 10:00 am. Our calendar for September starts with first Sunday: Communion, Lunch after services followed by the monthly Church Board meeting. The board meeting is open to all, please feel free to stay after lunch and join us. The second Sunday is our birthday celebration Sunday. If you can't be there in person, join us virtually through Facebook at "Mid Florida Lakes Church."

A quick note. Mark your calendar for October 18th at 6:00 PM. We will be having our semiannual movie night, the title is "I Can Only Imagine." The first weekend it opened in 2018, it pulled in an estimated \$17 million, the third biggest opening in America and the [seventh biggest opening](#) of all time for the faith-based genre.

As mentioned in last month's Horizon, here in Lake County the academic school year started on August 10th. Please be on the lookout for kids at school bus stops and children crossing streets where there are no crossing guards.

By now some of our snowbirds have returned. Welcome Home! For those still up North we have missed you and are waiting for your safe return.

The Lord Bless You, Keep You and Give You Peace. Amen



Why Join the Computer Club?

Looking for a welcoming place to learn, connect, and grow your computer skills? The Computer Club is the perfect spot for you! When you join, you'll become part of a friendly, supportive group of people—ranging from tech enthusiasts to those just starting out. No matter what your experience level, all questions are welcome, and we make sure everyone feels comfortable and respected. For just **\$10 a year**, you'll enjoy: Access to our **updated computer lab** | Helpful **information on current scams** and how to recognize and avoid them | Guidance on **what to do if you think you've been scammed** | Opportunities to learn about **AI (Artificial Intelligence)**—including its benefits, risks, and how to identify | AI-generated content | **Q&A sessions** where you can get answers to your tech questions | **Tutorial sessions** designed to build your skills step by step. We even welcome you to **sit in on a session** and see what we're all about before joining!

Meeting Schedule: Tuesday, September 8th and 22nd at 2PM in the meeting room.

Come learn, share, and have fun in a relaxed, encouraging environment. We'd love to see you there!

Thank you, Bonnie Seidel, Computer Club President 570-269-3128

September MFL Library News

How is your TBR (to be read) list looking? Do you need something different? Why not try a “new to you” author like **Liane Moriarty** who writes suspenseful domestic dramas. Her characters are complex and flawed everyday people making her stories relatable.



Come check out Moriarty's newest release (August 2026) which is a sequel to her famous **Big Little Lies!**

The MFL library has both



September Library Hours: **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday** 10am-12pm

Wednesdays 9/9 and 9/23 5pm-6:30pm

Sundays 4pm-5:30pm

*****Save The Date*****

Puzzle Race January 19, 2027

More information is available at the library



Come Join us on the 5th Thursday of the month! LGBTQ+ Friends gather at the Clubhouse in the meeting room at 7pm. Bring a snack to share (not required)

Everyone is welcome!

For more information, please email Robyn at: robynreeder@hotmail.com



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