



# Palmetto Palms News

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## Events and Activities

**Mary Larrabee, F-103, 513-716-7505**

- **Thanksgiving Dinner** - Thursday, November 28; 5:00pm; Main Hall. Thanksgiving Potluck dinner. Sign-up sheet in library. Please bring food to share, place setting, beverage. Water and coffee provided. *Sandy Lampe, K-559, 563-299-0525*
- **Christmas Tree** - Month of December; Front Boulevard. It's that time of year! Celebrate the season and join in with lights and color. With so many groups in our park - volleyball, cards, horseshoes, quilting...it's time to set up your trees. Starting December 1<sup>st</sup>, please set up a Christmas tree decorated with your group theme. Please check the electrical outlet at the base of the lights before setting up tree. One of the light poles burned out last year. *Kathy Grabowski, L-495, 586-913-3606*
- **Outdoor Christmas Decorating** - Monday, December 2 (Rain date: Saturday, December 7; 10:00am - 3:00pm); 10:00am - 3:00pm; Christmas Shed at Maintenance Buildings. Calling all "Santa's Helpers"! Help (and lots of it!) is needed to decorate our beautiful park on Monday, December 2. We will have the shed opened at 10:00am for individuals and groups to pick up decorations. If there is a particular area you would like to decorate, contact Laura Riddle or Sandy Lampe. First priority (in need of a leader) is our main entrance. Ho! Ho! Ho! *Laura Riddle, S-627, 859-457-1524 or Sandy Lampe, K-599, 563-299-0525*
- **Ad Hoc Rules Committee - Tuesday, December 3; Board Meeting**; Main Hall. The committee will be presenting their recommended changes to the Declaration and By-Laws to the Board of Directors at the December meeting. Owners will have a chance to comment on the recommended changes at that meeting. Owners can get a copy of the recommended changes (1) at the front office, (2) in the Town Hall Meeting minutes binder in the library, (3) on the Community Bulletin Board in the game room, (4) on the Palmetto Palms website in the Governing Documents section and (5) on the Palmetto Palms Friends Group. *Lynn Darbie, I-251, 513-602-3536*
- **Decorate Main Hall Christmas Tree** - Friday, December 6; 9:00am: Main Hall. Elves needed to decorate Christmas tree and Main Hall. *Sandy Lampe, K-559, 563-299-0525*
- **Palmetto Palms Happy Hour** - Friday, December 6 and Friday, December 20; 4:30 - ?; Picnic Pavilion; \$5. Join the Palmetto Palms Men's Club every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday during season. Menu: burgers, brats, chips, soda, water, beer. *Mike Russell, B-437, 812-431-9633*
- **Jingle Flamingle Progressive Cocktail Party and Holiday Food Drive** - Sunday, December 8; 5:00 - 6:30pm; "U" Street and Phase 5; Cost - Non-perishable food items or cash donation for Harry Chapin Food Bank. **Everyone is welcome!!** Each stop will have light snacks and holiday beverages. Join the flock!! *Margie Morrison, U-679, 419-704-6253; Sandy Hillier, K-566, 815-822-3767; Laura Riddle, S-627, 859-457-1524*

- **Town Hall Meeting** - Tuesday, December 10; 10:00am - 11:00am; Main Hall. There will be a special Town Hall meeting with Lynn Darbie, chair of the Ad Hoc Committee. She will present the committee's recommendations for changes to the Rules and Regulations. *Lynn Darbie, I-251, 513-602-3536*
- **Annual Christmas Caroling** - Wednesday, December 11; 6:00pm; Meeting at Main Hall. Join us for an evening stroll around the park singing your favorite Christmas songs. Golf carts and bikes are welcome. Music sheets will be provided. Refreshments will be provided for our singers at the end. If you wish us to sing for you at your unit, please turn on your porch light. Sign up in the library. *Kaye Yowell, T-613, 815-543-6602, [kayemy@outlook.com](mailto:kayemy@outlook.com)*
- **Travel Club Meeting** - Wednesday, December 11; 8:45am; Palmetto Room. Updating our 2020 travel events and future planning. New members needed to offer more travel opportunities. Visitors always welcome at our meetings. *Jan Nowakowski, J-186, 239-415-9844*
- **Christmas Dance** - Saturday, December 14; 7:00 - 10:00pm; Main Hall; \$6 pp. Find your red, green or sparkling attire and join us for the first dance of the season! We will have a **JOLLY GOOD TIME!!** Music provided by Flashback. Don't forget to bring your snacks and drinks. Ice provided. Ticket sales in the Library, Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 - 10:00am and later in the Activity Office. *Jan Nowakowski, J-186, 248-703-3566 (cell) or 239-415-9844*
- **Sincere Thanks** - My husband, Don Mitchell, passed away November 12<sup>th</sup> due to complications from an automobile accident on November 5<sup>th</sup>. I want to express my sincere thanks for your concerns, emails, cards and prayers. I plan to return to the park this season as soon as circumstances allow. *Sue Mitchell, V-659, 239-896-4598 (Carol Hodson, Sue's sister)*
- **Bingo** - We need someone to step-up and chair bingo. If someone does not step-up, there will be no bingo! The bingo committee (worker bees) know their jobs. We just need a person to chair this activity. *Connie Tigchelaar, S-682, 269-327-3414*

### Travel

**Jan Nowakowski, J-186, 239-415-9844**

**Those interested in the following Palmetto Palms travel opportunities should check out the travel boards in the Card Room/Library, pick up informational flyers, and sign up in the travel book.**

- **Murder Mystery Train** - Wednesday, January 22, 2020; 5:45pm; 2805 Colonial Drive; \$90.47. The travel group invites you to "In the Dead of Noir" on the Murder Mystery Train. You will be treated to an evening of fun and mystery where the plot thickens and more clues are given throughout your meal. To make your reservations, please sign up in the Travel Group's binder in the library. Call 239-275-8487, where your credit card payment will reserve your seat. Cost is \$90.47 per person (gratuities and beverages extra). Car pool (see sign-up sheet) to 2805 Colonial Drive, Fort Myers (1 block west of Metro Parkway). *Louise Belisle, G-283, 613-795-9115*

## **Recycling Committee Plan**

Hello everyone and greetings from your Recycling Committee. Unfortunately, Penelope Palmtree will not be here until March, but I have agreed to step into her "very big shoes"! I'm Laura Riddle, one of the Recycling Committee co-chairs and helper. So, enough of that. In the next few weeks, you will see big doings at our recycling bins. We are going to reform our recycling efforts to provide more clear directions for recycling and acquire better signage as to "what goes where". Phase One is to restrict recycling to four major types. In Phase Two we will explain what can be put in the bins. Phase Three will be to replace signage. Please try to be patient: we need helpers! Also, remember three things: 1) Only items with a triangle and a number, 1-7, are recyclable; 2) If in doubt, put it in the compactor; 3) Ask for help. Volunteers will be at the recycling area during Mini-Mall times: MWF, 8:30 - 10:30. Please do not hesitate to call me to volunteer, ask questions, make suggestions, etc.  
*Laura Riddle, S-627, 859-457-1524.*

## **From the Office**

**Power washing** – When power washing or having power washing done, please have the street cleaned afterward. The run-off water may discolor the street surface unless diluted and washed away. Thank you.

**Commercial Traffic** – THIS INCLUDES DELIVERY TRUCKS COMING TO YOUR UNIT are to use the 2 way streets to travel. There is sign at the entrance that has been moved to the fence by the guest gate to inform truck drivers. Most of these drivers don't look at the signs or know where they are going in our community. They drive around searching for the right unit and sometimes wind up making ruts in the grass when cutting corners around curves or running over our new curbing placed on the median islands, especially at B and N Streets. That new curbing has been smashed different times until now it looks as bad as the ones that were replaced. Consider meeting the drivers at the gate area, even if it is inside the gate, and showing them where your unit is located.

**Phase 5 Pool** – Maintenance work will soon begin at the Phase 5 pool area. Some of the work, like painting the pool deck will require the closing of the pool until able to be used again. Some of the work can be accomplished with the pool still open for use.

**Recreation Hall Doors** – The doors to the recreation hall, the outside bathrooms, and offices need to remain closed. The cooler air-conditioned air meeting the hot outside air causes humidity and moisture that promotes mold growth. The AC units try to work harder to cool the hot outside air but they can only do so much. The units use more electricity but can't cool the air. It is a waste of money and promotes unhealthy mold to grow. The ceilings have been insulated to help contain the cooled air inside the rooms and keep it out of the rafter areas. The AC units have been inspected and tuned up with repairs made where necessary so they can work efficiently. Some new fans in the card room/library area have been added. With these changes, we have left the thermostats at a cooler temperature all summer and still realized a slight reduction in the electric bills for the recreation building. We would like to keep the thermostats set at a constant temperature instead of turning them up and down several times a day. Using the overhead fans will help circulate the air to make it feel cooler while you are in the rooms.

**Pickleball Courts Construction** – This is Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. The Sport Surfaces project manager said the construction crew is finishing up a job today and tomorrow and then will mobilize to our location to work on the redirection of the courts area. When they started the area before and it got to the point it is now, we asked them to make changes to the layout. The company is now coming back to make those changes and complete the project. Besides turning the layout, the fencing configuration was changed in favor of spending more of the money on a thicker asphalt playing surface. Note, once the asphalt is applied it will need to cure for 28 days before painting and fencing will be completed. This means, no walking, driving, no use what-so-ever of the asphalt area until the project is completed.

**Accommodations for Disabilities** – Lately, a question that has arisen in different ways is some form of 'How do I get permission to have a storage shed on my lot?' Since the subject is being brought up multiple times to multiple people in various ways, it seems a topic worth covering.

Palmetto Palms RV Resort Condominium Association, Inc. does comply with Americans With Disability Act (ADA) regulations and Fair Housing Act (FHA) regulations. If a written request for accommodation of a disability is filed along with the supporting documentation of how the request is related to alleviating the disability, it will be considered by the Board of Directors. If such a request is granted, it is a temporary accommodation with an agreement that when the accommodation is no longer needed by the person with disability, the lot will be restored to condition prior to the given accommodation. A structure such as this would also have to meet Lee County Land Development code regulations and be permitted and inspected by Lee County.

Be careful, slow down, please. There was an accident at the entrance this morning that could have been avoided by being more cautious of other vehicles sharing the roadways. Inside our community there are people walking, biking, etc. that may not know you and your vehicle are sometimes make moves, turns, stumbles that could have disastrous effects. A minute or two of delay is not worth the endless heartache and guilt that might come someone's way due of actions caused by a few moments of frustration at having to move slower than you would like.



**First Notices** of the Annual Membership Meeting are being mailed this week to members at the address currently on file with the association. The Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2020. Included with the First Notice is a form for members who might be interested in campaigning for the Board of Directors. There will be four seats up for reelection at the meeting.

The first Board of Directors meeting this season is December 3, 2019 at 10 AM in the Main Hall at the recreation building. The agenda will be posted at [www.palmettopalmsrvresort.com](http://www.palmettopalmsrvresort.com) website and on the official notice posting board located on the southeast corner of the recreation building.

**Season End** – I know this season is just getting started but there is no time like the present to begin thinking of who will and how will your Palmetto Palms home be taken care of when you are not here. The weeds still grown, the trees need trimmed, water lines break, electrical mishaps occur, storms and damage are likely at times. Will everything you want to put outside your unit fit inside your unit when you leave? If not, where are you going to store these items because items are not to be left out where a storm may blow them, or parts of them, around and cause damage.