



Palmetto Palms News

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Events and Activities

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- **90th Birthday Party for Ed Walter** – Friday, November 29; 2:30 – 3:30pm; Main Hall. Ed Walter is turning 90! His family is holding a reception to celebrate. Stop by to wish Ed "Happy Birthday". Cake, snacks and drinks will be provided. *Lynn Darbie, I-251, 513-602-3536*
- **Charity Quilting** – Every Thursday; 9:00 – noon; Card Room. Meet for fun and fellowship while creating quilts for the Abused Women's Shelter. Newcomers always welcome. You do not need to know how to sew. If you can tie a knot, iron or thread a needle, you are welcome or you can just come by to chat for a while. *Millie Blevins, F-85, 217-825-8056*
- **Celebration of Life for Dottie Hoggatt** – Friday, November 22; 10:00 – noon; Main Hall. Dottie was a 35-year resident of Palmetto Palms. She passed July 14, 2019. Please join us for coffee and doughnuts. Bring a memory to share! *Noreen McCarthy, K-543, 239-633-4153*
- **Post Office** – Welcome Back! We want you to know a few things. The mailroom window opens at 10:30 until mail delivery comes in for sorting. It's very important that you have **Lot Numbers** on mail or packages. Without lot numbers, your important mail/packages will be delayed from your mailbox. **Did you know...**we have color-coded flags: **No Flag in Pole** = no mail has been delivered that day; **Blue Flag** = mail done for boxes 1 – 315; **Green Flag** = mail done for boxes 316 – 700; **Red Flag** = all boxes are done. Have a great season. *Mailroom*
- **Thank you** - A **huge** thank you to Sandy Lampe, Loraine Stover, Teresa Sealscott and E.J. Fellows for cleaning and organizing the kitchen pantry. It looks great!! Thank you, girls.
- **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*
- **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. *Margie Morrison, U-679, 419-704-6253; Sandy Hillier, K-566, 815-822-3767; Laura Riddle, S-627, 859-457-1524*
- **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 1st, 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*
- **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*

- **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*

FROM THE OFFICE

Animals in Palmetto Palms – There are Service Animals, Emotional Support Animals and pets. It is important to know Palmetto Palms RV Resort Condominium Association complies with Americans with Disabilities Act and Fair Housing Administration regulations regarding Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals. There are differences between these two categories of working animals and there are different requirements and documentation between these two categories of animals. There are forms in the administration office for owners to complete with the information required by the Association to request an accommodation and to register these animals. These animals are not pets and do not behave as pets. There is a Florida Statute that makes claiming you have a service animal or are training a service animal when that is not true a second-class misdemeanor. The Florida legislature is working on a statute to also make claiming you have an emotional support animal when you do not a second-class misdemeanor. The online purchase of a certificate is a waste of your money when it comes to defending against these penalties. These purchases of certificates are also not acceptable for requesting an accommodation for a disability. It is abusing the rights of the community who these protections are established to assist.

There is a section of the community for pets. Owners are also required to register their pets and provide the requested veterinary records annually.

Any animal, no matter the category, will not be allowed to be in the community if it displays aggressive behavior, is not under control of the owner or handler, or causes disturbances with loud barking or other noises. All owners or handlers, no matter the classification of the animal, are required to clean up the animal waste immediately.

GATE INFORMATION – Residents: to enter at the call box: put in # and your four digit code. Visitors, delivery people, service providers: have them go to the call box in the lane marked "guest". At the call box they should enter your three digit unit number. If your unit number is not three digits, use zeros in front to get three digits. Once the unit number is keyed in, the gate system will call the telephone number you have asked to be used. When you answer the phone and decide you want the guest to enter, you press 9 on your phone keypad. The gate will open and the call will end. If you don't want that guest to enter, press # or just hang up. The gate will not open.

You must be ready to answer your phone. The system will not work if you don't answer your phone. The guest can not call you from their phone and have the gate open, the call box system has to call your phone.

Giving your owner code to delivery people or service people is causing problems. Sometimes codes have been shared with people you did not intend to use it. Living in a gated community may save on insurance premiums but sharing the access codes with other people does not promote safety for the community.