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1601 JOSEPHINE ST. LAKELAND, FLORIDA 33815

JANUARY, 2026



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HOA MEETING –

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Out with the old and in with the new.



January 14, 2026 will be the handover from the old HOA committee to the new HOA board.

Please be there in case you will need to vote on positions of those interested.

If you would like to make a late request to join the new board, please get your letter of intent in asap!

YARD SALE

Our spring yard sale will be in March. If you have any items you wish to donate, please contact Scott Cupps 813-763-6405



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6	Angel Owen	29	Al Sobrack
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8	Beth Woolworth		Ronald Vallee
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11	Juan Santiago		Thomas Flanders
12	Betsy Bermudez		
13	Marion McClelland		
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15	Holly Forcier		
	Sarah Moreno		
16	Sandra Garlitz		
18	Scott Wolfe		
20	Jimmy Worrell		
21	Ede James		
22	Wendy Warbritton		

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

12	Jim & Judy Holbrook
18	Scott & Jane Wolfe
19	Paul & Holly Forcier

**GET WELL**

Ken Keller
Laura Merki
Nan Bridges
Lloyd Lyall
Billy Hampton

**SYMPATHY'S**

Joe Bixby (mom passed)
Mark Cassey (mom passed)
Penny Groom (husband David)
Wendy Warbritton (sister Jude)





Beginning January 2026, these positions will be completed with the 2 year term, and will be open for new candidates. Scott Cupps will continue his role as Treasurer.

HOA OPENINGS

- PRESIDENT
- VICE PRESIDENT
- SECRETARY
- CHAIR

What is the purpose of the HOA and why do we need one?

- Represent homeowners with the property owners using 723 laws. Including rent increases, improvements, maintenance and other problems.
- Events that bring us all together as a community to socialize and enjoy our life.
- Gather opinions/problems/needs from community and brainstorm ways to resolve issues.
- HOA functions as a body to vote on park improvements for a better place to live.
- HOA helps to maintain and increase property values.
- Helping residents in need.

1. Loss of Legal Protection as a 55+ (HOPA) Community

To maintain 55+ status, communities must follow specific federal rules (HOPA), such as:

- Maintaining age-verification records
- Consistently enforcing age-related occupancy rules

An HOA typically manages these compliance requirements.

If the HOA dissolves, **your 55+ designation could be at risk**, which may allow younger residents to move in legally.



2. No Representation Against the Park Owner / Landlord

When you pay *lot rent*, the land is owned by a park or landlord.

The HOA provides:

- A unified voice
- Negotiating power
- A legal entity to dispute rent increases or rule changes

Without the HOA, you lose organized representation and bargaining strength.

3. Loss of Control Over Community Rules & Maintenance

If the HOA disappears:

- The **park owner gets more authority**
- Residents lose influence over rules, common-area upkeep, or amenities
- You may have **no say** in decisions affecting daily life

In many 55+ manufactured home communities, the HOA acts as the only resident-controlled body. Without it, residents often have less control, not more.

4. Difficulty Managing Common Areas or Amenities

Even if residents don't own the land, HOAs may manage:

- Clubhouses
- Pools
- Activity centers
- Social programs

Dissolving the HOA could:

- Cause amenities to fall into disrepair
- Shift maintenance costs or control to the park owner
- End community activities or events

5. Liability and Financial Risks

An HOA is a legal entity that:

- Holds insurance
- Manages community funds
- Handles disputes
- Limits individual liability

Once dissolved, residents may lose insurance coverage or face personal liability in disputes or accidents related to community property.

If you care about your community or where you live, please help out the HOA and become a Voice on the board! APPLY NOW!

NOTES FROM STATUTORY

On March 1, 2023 or 20, 2025 a letter was sent out to all the residents from the Hickory Hills Manor owners and reads as follows/

Pursuant to Section 723,037, Florida statutes and Rule 61B-32,002, Florida Administration code (FAC) this serves as 90-day notice of lot rental amount increase for Hickory Hills Manor MHP. The lot rental amount increase will be effective March 1, 2026. On that date, the lot rental amount will increase as follows;

Base rent \$670/\$675 amount of increase \$18.00 New lot rental amount will be \$688/\$693.

All homeowners of the mobile home park are receiving this notice. If you wish to determine the names of the individuals who are receiving notices of lot rental increases in addition to you, the park office maintains such a list for your review.



CLUBHOUSE

Drywall has been installed and is starting to come along. No completion date is scheduled as of yet. LOOKING GOOD!!!





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If you would like to add your name to this list, please contact Angel Owen at 978-514-5685, and include the type of service you provide and a contact phone number. **DISCLAIMER: The information contained here is by submission, and the HOA makes no guarantee of service availability, quality, or pricing. Use services at your own risk.**

NEW RESIDENCE

Sandra Pitts	Eldorado
Robin Dibenedetto	Spruce
Jami Berardi	Colt

Welcome to The Community

RIDE SHARING ASSISTANCE

This ride sharing service is available to all residents of Polk County and provides accessible ways to ride for those with limited mobility. Riders simply need to call 855-POLKBUS, or 855-765-5287 to schedule a ride. You can also schedule rides online at Ridecitrus.com or by using their app on your mobile phone. The app is available at both Google Play and the Apple App Store. You must pre-register once to be able to ride the bus. Seniors and disabled persons ride for only a \$2 for allday pass. Buses do not run on holidays.

CHURCH SERVICES

Be sure to join Pastor Dennis each Sunday morning will be held at Adult Pool at 10:30 a.m. for an uplifting church service with your fellow residents. Bring your Bible!!

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Streetlight Out 834-1240
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City of Lakeland (Street Maintenance) 834-3300
City Right of Way (Corral Dr.)
Parcel 834-6230
DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles) 499-2322 TAG Agency 298-7577
Lakeland Electric (Customer Service) 834-9535
Neighborhood Vet (Privileged Critters) 816-5815
SPCA Animal Shelter 646-7722
LRMC Hospital 687-1100
Street Light or Power Outage: Call for a light out @ 834-1240 with the pole number and location address; call 834-4248 for a power outage (can only be made from a corded land line) or www.lakelandelectric.com

TRASH AND RECYCLING

A reminder from the office regarding pickup schedules for trash and recycling:



The Recycling dumpster is emptied twice per week on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The office must call when the Trash Compactor is full – it is not on a scheduled pickup.

The Construction Dumpster cannot be transported to be emptied if the contents are over the top. If you find the dumpster full, you must take your load back home until the dumpster is available. You are not allowed to place it on the ground next to the dumpster.

Residents who violate trash policies and leave their garbage on the ground when dumpsters are full will be subject to fines.

Courtesy trash pickup on Tuesday is ONLY for residents with signed agreements at the office. Any resident who continues to leave trash out on Tuesdays will be in violation of the park rules. Rent does NOT include valet trash and maintenance does not have the time to provide this service. Please govern yourself accordingly. *PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE OUT OVERNIGHT as it will attract strays. Thanks Nicole

TRIPS

by Carol Douglas

Bus Trip Opportunities**January 20th
8:30 AM-6PM****Gadabout: \$99****Sponsor: Beacon Terrace**

Stop at Russell Stover, Howey in the Hills with lunch at the Mission Inn. Visit an authentic German Bakery and Lakeridge Winery.

Includes: R/T transportation, lunch & tip, chocolate ouHet, wine tour, loaf of bread and driver gratuities.

Must book by January 1 •1 , call Jan Trask 863-660-1741

**February 5 th: 9 AM- 4: 30 PM
Early Bird Dinner Theater \$99****Where you Are****Sponsor: Beacon Terrace**

A comedy that involves two sisters enjoying their retirement.

Includes: R/T transportation , lunch and gratuities, reserved seating and driver gratuities.

Must book by January 22, call Jan Trask at 863-660-1741

February 13th: 10 AM - 4 :30 PM**Tampa Bay Downs : \$85****Sponsor: Highland Fairways**

A fun afternoon of food and live horse racing .

Includes : R/T transportation, Club House Buffet lunch, reserved seating , racing programs and all gratuities .

Must Book by January 13, call Betsy Layton at 502-550-4547

February 22nd: 9:30 AM - ?**Neil Diamond Tribute at Ruth Eckerd Hall \$99****Sponsor: Highland Fairways**

Hear the mu sic of Neil Diamond through 5 decades .

Price includes: R/T transportation, show and buffet, all gratuities, taxes and fees. Fully escorted.

Must book by January 30111, call Besty Layton at 502-550-4547

March 5th : 2PM-9PM**Polynesian Fire Luau \$119****Sponsor: Beacon Terrace**

Authentic Polynesian dinner show in Daytona Beach . Ethnic dancing and performances. Dinner buffet.

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March 28th 2:30 - ?**Titanic Dinner Experience \$127****Sponsor: Highland Fairways**

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Must book by February 20, call Marie Kalista at 863-899-2117.

April 17th, 8 AM - 6 PM**Tarpon Springs \$119****Sponsor: Beacon Terrace**

Sightseeing cruise down the Anclote River, authentic Greek cuisine lunch at Mama's Restaurant. Wander the afternoon away in the downtown area. Visit the sponge factory and museum and end the day at Parksdale Market.

Price Includes: Rrr transportation, sponge museum, sightseeing cruise, Lunch, tax and gratuity, the stop at Parksdale and driver gratuity.

Sign up by April 4th, call Jan Trask at 863-660-1741

April 25th, 5:30 PM -**River Ranch Rodeo****Sponsor: Highland Fairways**

Saddle up and head to Westgate River Ranch & Rodeo fora night of family fun.

Watch trick riding, barrel racing and bull riding.

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- **St. Anthony Catholic Church** 820 Marcum Rd. Lakeland 33809

Every Saturday 10am to noon. ID required.

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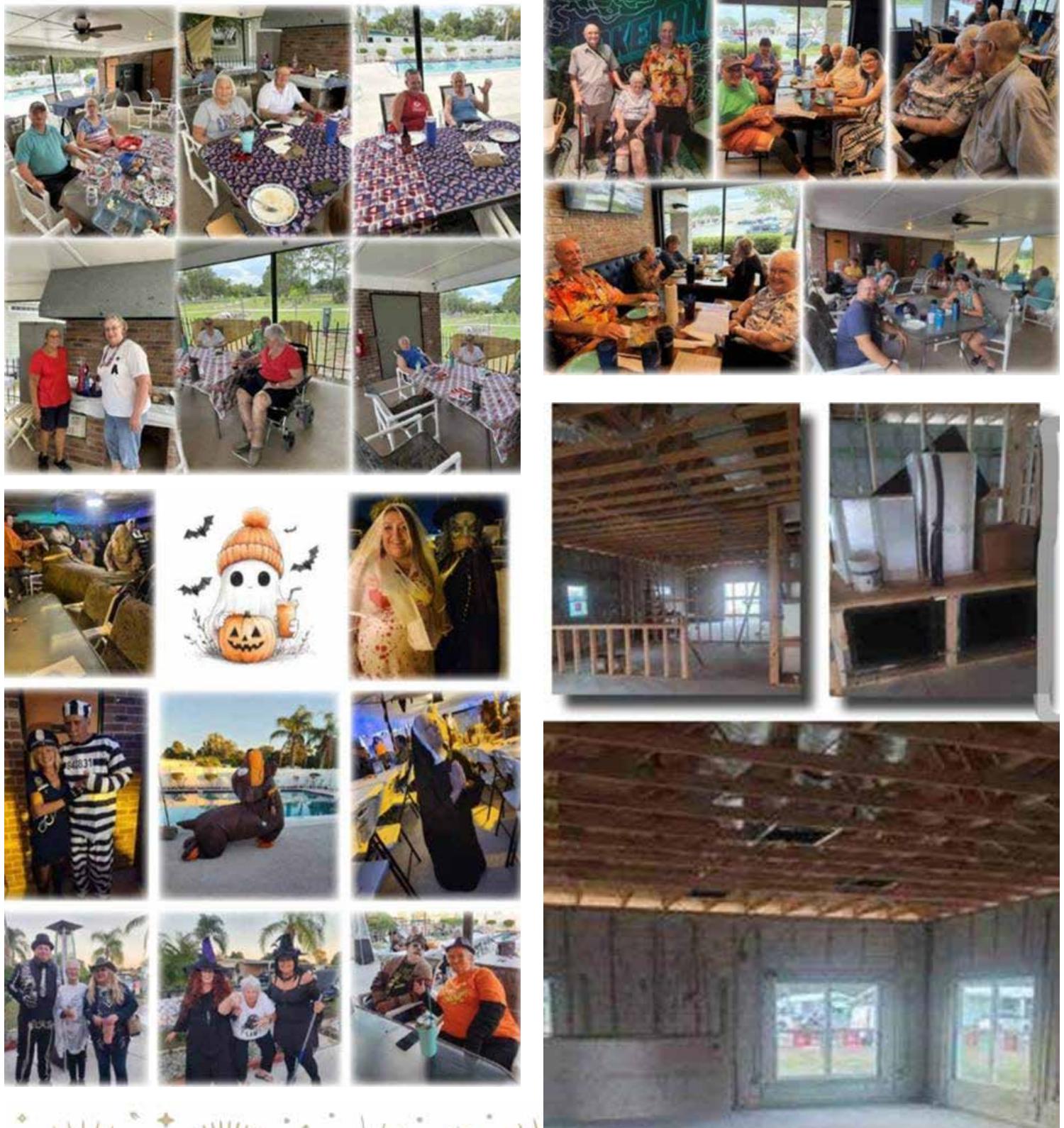


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Address_____ Phone Number(s)_____

*Email Address_____

*Although rarely used, we ask for your email address in the event we need to notify you of important HOA issues or notifications.

You must be a homeowner to qualify for membership as per Florida Statute 723. To ensure complete and accurate records, please submit the names as they appear in the title of your home.

**The membership year runs from April 1 through March 31 of each year. Dues are \$15/person and must be paid to be eligible to vote in the annual election. Make checks payable to:
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Please complete the form and return it to the HOA mailbox in the office. If you are unable to get to the office, simply contact any Board member or Street Captain and they will be happy to pick up.

**Please check here if you would like to be included in the Resident Directory.
If there is any information you DO NOT WANT included in the Directory, PLEASE
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If you have not yet had your picture taken, please contact a member of the HOA Board and we'll gladly stop by!

Birthdays_____

Anniversary_____

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