

**LAKESIDE  
GROVERS  
OF TAMARIND  
GROVE**

*A SOCIAL CLUB FOR RESIDENTS*

*FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
MEETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN A  
FUN, RELAXED ENVIRONMENT*



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**November 2011**

**Lakeside Residents of Tamarind Grove Form Social Club**

I'd heard that The Villages was "America's Friendliest Hometown", yet I didn't even know my neighbors. Peering out my window, I wondered about the people next door, behind me. Outside of waving at people walking by or saying "good morning" as we both picked up our newspaper, there wasn't much interaction. How could I break the ice? Just how do you really get to know people?

These are the same situations we all have when we move into a new community.

Not long ago, a few Tamarind Grove residents got together to solve the problem of meeting new residents. They decided to create a social club

whose main purpose was to offer a fun relaxed environment for people to meet.

However, they soon realized that Tamarind Grove was so large and growing so fast, that one large group would become unmanageable. The solution? Divide the community into three parts, according to their location: poolside, lake-side and golf-side. Those residents living in home-site units 159-160 and villas Biscayne and Southwood were designated as "lakesiders". And, that is what we have named our newly formed social club, "The Lakeside Grovers".

The club will meet on the last Monday of the month

at 6pm at the Sterling Heights Recreational Center on St. Charles. After a brief business meeting, informational events, parties, and other fun activities will be enjoyed by our members...all with the main purpose of just meeting people and having fun.

We invite you to join us! If you haven't done so already, please complete our brief membership form and return it with your annual dues of only \$5 per person. You'll find the form on the last page of this newsletter. We're looking forward to meeting you!

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**November Event—Cruise on In!**

The Lakeside Grovers will meet on November 28, 6:00pm, at the Sterling Heights Rec Center. If you've never cruised or if you want to know more about cruising, a representative from **Legendary Journeys**

will be on hand to speak about their tours and cruises. There will be no charge for this meeting and all Lakeside Grover members are invited to attend. This will be a BYO snacks and drinks event and we may play a



"get to know you" game after the presentation.



## LG Activities - Interested?

We have a few people who are interested in starting some community activities:

1. Donna & Carmine D'Agostino would like to have a community bowling group. If you are interested in participating or learning more, please contact them with your name and email address by emailing to: [dagomom54@yahoo.com](mailto:dagomom54@yahoo.com)  
Tamarind Grove meets
2. Neil Timson is interested in starting a Euchre card group. Contact Neil at: [neil.timson@yahoo.com](mailto:neil.timson@yahoo.com)
3. Don Parr would like to have a LG golf group. After contacting the Villages recreational department, he found that we can begin one

in May as long as we have enough participants. He & Jack Wilbur are now planning a golf scramble. Contact Don for more info: [parranch@hotmail.com](mailto:parranch@hotmail.com)

***“Playing in a group activity is a great way to meet new people without the stress of finding a common topic of conversation.”***

## Mark Your Calendar for our Holiday Party!



Mark your calendar for December 12 because we're throwing a Holiday party! The event will take

place at Savannah Center, 6:30pm - 9:50pm. Entertainment will be provided by "Sal and the Gal". Please bring your own snacks and drinks. Dress will be dressy-casual. Tickets for this special event will be offered for sale November 7th at the home of Donna Dagostino, 2393 Bachman Path from noon until 7pm.(\$5 per person).

Ticket availability will be limited. Must show Lakeside Grover membership cards to purchase tickets. You may pay membership of \$5:00pp when you buy the tickets to the dance. Must show village ID at the night of the dance. If tickets do not sell out on the 7th we will sell them another day.

## Find Out More.....

If you'd like to find out more about your community, there are a couple of places to look beyond this newsletter.

1. The Committee members listed on the front page are your contacts for the Lakeside Grovers Social Club.
2. For general activities in the Tamarind Grove
3. For information about The Villages, contact Judy Robb, Tamarind Grove



representative to The Villages. You can reach her at [psumom5@msn.com](mailto:psumom5@msn.com).

## Want to Get More Involved with the LG Social Club?



There are many ways to get involved with your community. Joining the

Lakeside Grovers Social Club and attending their meetings and events is one way. Or maybe you are going to join up with one of our gaming groups in golf, bowling, or cards.

Another, perhaps even quicker, way to meet your neighbors is to volunteer to work with our social committee. We're looking for fresh ideas and

need people willing to plan, organize or just help with our monthly events. It could be a themed party, an informational meeting for residents, or even some kind of outing.

If you'd like to be involved, please contact one of our contacts on the front of this newsletter.

## Wildlife in Florida - If there's water, there's a gator....

If you are new to the state of Florida, then you probably aren't very familiar with your state reptile native - the alligator. Here's some things you should know: Alligators and Floridians usually have a peaceful coexistence, but there are recorded attacks and occasional fatalities. The key to staying safe is being alert to the possibility of alligators being present. **Never feed gators** or swim or wade in waters where large alligators are known or likely to occur, especially at dusk or night (when they naturally feed). **It is illegal to feed alligators.** When humans feed alligators, it causes the alligators to lose their natural fear of humans and to associate humans with food. It doesn't matter if people feed them human-food like marshmallows or throw them fish guts when cleaning fish, it's all bad. It

changes the alligator's behavior. Normally, alligators avoid humans, but alligators that have been fed by humans will move toward humans and can become aggressive.

Its very important to **keep children and pets away from the water's edge** wherever alligators are likely to be present. **Do not allow dogs to swim or explore waters that are known to have alligators** because dogs look like prey to alligators. There are far more alligator attacks on dogs than on humans

**What do I do if there is a nuisance alligator in my neighborhood?** The best thing you can do is to contact your local or regional Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) office or call 1-866-FWC-GATOR. If the alligator is deemed to be a threat to the public, a licensed trapper will be sent

to remove it.

*(from University of Florida IFAS extension)*

Just remember, always assume there is an alligator in ANY body of water you see in Florida - including lakes and retention ponds, no matter how small. Don't attempt to remove the gator yourself, as they are a protected species in our state.



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last Monday of each month  
6:00pm - 9:00pm  
Sterling Heights  
Recreational Center

### **Event Calendar**

**November 9** - Social  
meeting

**December 12** - Holiday  
Party

**January 9** - Social  
meeting

*\*Some events may require a  
reservation and/or ticket  
purchase*

### **Tamarind Grove Lakeside Grovers Social Club Membership Form**

## **Village of Tamarind Grove “Lakeside Grovers” Social Club Membership Application**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home State \_\_\_\_\_

Hobby(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dues \$5.00 per person yearly **CASH only**

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