



VILLAGE VOICES

January 2020

Vacation Village Condominium Association Newsletter



The Board of Directors and Vacation Village staff would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and a great and prosperous 2020.

As we start a New Year, we should take a look back on 2019.

Accomplishments for 2019

2020 Budget was passed with **NO INCREASE**

RV Park was refurbished and enlarged

Tennis, Basketball and Shuffle Board Courts were resurfaced.

New Pickle Ball Court

It is with sadness that we lost several members of the Vacation Village Family, please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers: Fred Sinclair, Kay Miller, Don Culp, Karen Garvin

PLAN AHEAD!

Please stop by the Front Office to get an activities calendar. There are great things planned, like Wine and Cheese, Movie and Pizza, Potluck Supper, Taco Tuesday and much more. The "Welcome Back Coffee Social" is on January 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the Recreation Hall.

Everyone is welcome to these events!

VILLAGE VIOLATIONS

Are you tired of your neighbors doing things that are against the rules in our community (like parking on the lawn, oversized pets, speeding through the property). If you are unaware of the rules, please contact our manager to get a set of rules. Rules were established when this community was started as a Deed Restricted Village. If you know of any violators in Vacation Village, you can report them to the manager. A picture of the violation would also be very helpful.

RV LOT

Anyone wishing to store items in the RV lot **MUST** come to the office and fill out a **NEW** rental agreement. A new agreement is needed even if you had items stored in the RV lot before the redo. Each item will be assigned a numbered spot. The RV lot is for Vacation Village owners and tenants, non Vacation Village residents are not allowed to store items.

January 2020 festivals in Florida

Crystal River Manatee Festival, Jan. 18-19, 2020, Crystal River

Orange City Blue Spring Manatee Festival, Jan. 25-26, 2020, Orange City

These manatee festivals are each located near a site where hundreds of manatees gather each winter. Both locations offer a variety of activities, including opportunities to view manatees.

Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival, Jan. 16-19, 2020, Fellsmere

This funky festival has been happening for 20 years. Food choices start with one frog leg (a frog “pop” on a stick for \$3) up to a gator-tail and frog leg dinner for \$14. Music, games, down-home goods. Entering its 29th year, this annual small town festival is adored by locals. There's nothing quite like this one—a celebratory feast of frog and gator delicacies. In addition to eating your weight in Florida's swampy delights, you'll be enjoying it all in a county fair setting with rides, arts & crafts vendors, and live entertainment the whole family will love.

Taste of Deland, January 18, 2020

This small-town food festival is big on flavor and has become a beloved community tradition. The 13th Annual Taste of DeLand is the perfect way to explore the area's diverse culinary landscape among the town's quaint, historic backdrop. January 18, 2020 1 PM - 4 PM

Key Lime Festival, January 18, 2020 - Entering its 9th year, take part in the Space Coast food event everybody loves!

This event features an array of wonderful food served up by the region's most beloved food trucks and restaurants. But of course, the pie is the biggest draw. Whether you order it in a cup, by the slice, or the entire pie, don't miss this family-friendly event chock full of great food and live entertainment and Key Lime pie themed contests. January 18, 2020

Festival of the Arts, Jan. 24-26, 2020, New Smyrna Beach

In 2019, Images presented 234 artists from 28 states and Canada in a waterfront setting. It's a free festival that attracts 45,000.

Gasparilla Pirate Fest, Jan. 25-26, 2020, Tampa

Colorful, fully-rigged pirate ship *Jose Gasparilla* magically appears at the south end of Hillsborough Bay, where the invading Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla are met by a flotilla of pleasure craft. The mock sea battle is followed by a Mardi Gras - like parade.

Kumquat Festival, Jan. 25, 2020, Dade City

The historic downtown in Dade City fills with as many as 35,000 people for this free event celebrating the tangy little fruit grown locally. Along with dozens of booths and live entertainment, a highlight is tasting kumquat treats, from kumquat pie to kumquat cookies to kumquat salsa. Free shuttles run from two satellite parking areas—the Pasco County Fairgrounds on State Road 52 and next to Jarrett Ford on US Hwy 301 Truck Route. On the preceding Thursday and Friday, the kumquat growers open their groves and packing houses for tours.