



# INSIGHT JULY 2025

## CAMELOT LAKES VILLAGE HOA

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



 HOA President – GlennAddis

We are in the middle of summer and things are heating up with the weather and with our negotiating committee. We have met several times and plan on meeting each month until our first tentative meeting with Cove in October. Thank you for your survey answers because they have helped us in creating our strategy for negotiating. We had a great happy hour in June, hosted by the HOA, and plan on doing it again in the future. The turnout was wonderful, the appetizers were tasty, and the items given away during the event were greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success. I just would like to let all members know when you sign up and say that you will be attending one of our events to please do so or let one of the board members know that something has come up and you cannot make it. We prepare food for people that have told us that they are coming and when attendance isn't as expected many things go to waste. There were 22 people that signed up for the happy hour that didn't show up and 32 people that signed up for the event last fall that were no shows.

If you are not already a member of the HOA, please get ahold of any board member and sign up so that we can let Cove know how strong our membership is. I'm looking forward to working with everyone and am available to assist our members with any issues that arise.



#### Treasurer – Pam Bentz

If you all recall the Budget presentation at the BOD meeting in March. The BOD had increased the Special Events Income to \$2500.00 for the Fiscal year. Special Events have had two successful 50/50 collecting \$200.00 and \$280.00 where the winner took home \$100.00 and \$140.00. That committee will be thinking up other options to bring in more money to HOA BOD. But kudos for committee in jumping right in and earning money for the HOA. If any of you have money-earning ideas, please leave suggestions in the box on back table for the Special Events committee.

Membership was increased to bringing in \$6000.00 dollars based on 300 members and as of June 23, 2025, we have hit 300 members. That is due to Phyllis Kenline and other directors going out and getting new members. We still need to shoot for 400 members. The reason is for negotiating. As we have stated in the past, with the number of homes that are for sale, surrendered, for rent, it brings down the total of homes that are occupied to approximately 426 homes. When we meet up with COVE and tell them we are a 400-member strong HOA that should speak volumes. If you only join for one year this is the year. So do your part and tell a neighbor, friend or even foe to join the HOA. Back us up when we go to fight not only for the members but every resident in the park. This year it is only \$20.00. It includes three free events for 2. Where can you get 3 meals for 2 for \$20.00. The other bit of news is with much haggling I was able to get the HOA Insurance reduced \$3000. (Over \$6700.00 down to just over \$3700.00. Plus \$1100.00 approx. less than last year.) I will still be researching at least two other options for next year to see if we can pay even less. As you have heard me say there is strength in numbers. Thomas Paine stated this:” It is not in numbers, but in unity, that our great strength lies.” I feel these are one in the same.



#### Community Beautification Day committee - Pam Bentz

Some of you may remember we had a committee that went around and assisted homeowners in the curb appeal of their home. The committee of residents once a month, from 8-12 pm picked one house per month, sometimes two if we had over 12 volunteers. To clean up their home. The qualifications were: 1. Couldn't physically do the cleanup. This is a one-time cleanup. (example is those that received letters to clean up home site) Beside the resident volunteers, several management employees assisted too and then management bought lunch for the crew. Management also provided the mulch for the front of the yards. Not sure management is able to assist at this point due to being down staff. I would be willing to strike up this committee again. We kept it going for 1 ½ years. Had to quit as it got down to 3 people. I am open to suggestions. Maybe we do a once a month clean up not just yard, maybe carports? Please send your ideas to Pam. [pb.hoabod@gmail.com](mailto:pb.hoabod@gmail.com) I would need a committee to work with. Personally, I would not be able to start this venture until Fall, late October early November due to recovering from hand surgery and needing one other procedure. So, throw out your ideas. I know there are plenty of residents willing and have been assisting homeowners. Let's get a group together and come up with ideas to assist our neighbors who are physically unable and maybe strapped for money to hire things done. Open to new name of committee? Open to ideas.

“Kind hearts are the gardens, Kind thoughts are the roots, Kind words are the flowers, Kind deeds are the fruits. The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention. Be kind for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle. To cultivate kindness is a valuable part of the business of LIFE.”



#### Membership Committee - Phyllis Kenline:

**As of 6/28 /2025 we have 300 HOA members!** Let's continue to recruit members to increase our representation heading into contract negotiations. If you have a neighbor or friend that would like to join, please have them email: [pk.hoabod@gmail.com](mailto:pk.hoabod@gmail.com) Lastly, I am excited to announce that Shirlee Jones has accepted the position of Membership co-chair and Linda Herzog and Karen Ondusko have joined the membership drive volunteers. I am looking forward to working with this group! Thanks to all that have volunteered!



#### Communication Committee – Phyllis Kenline

A New Resident Meeting was not held in June and we were able to share information about the HOA with 1 new homeowner! Susan Stewart and Susan Fitzpatrick have joined the CC, thank you Susan and Susan! Maxine Carpenter and Betty Blocksom are assisting the CC and the Camelot Lakes Village directory. **I hope that everyone is receiving the monthly INSIGHT as much information is being shared! If you are not receiving emails, please check your spam folder!! Contact [pk.hoabod@gmail.com](mailto:pk.hoabod@gmail.com) to update or add your email addresses.**



#### Veterans Group– Dawn James, Gail Reichert and Patti Bond



**July 4th - Happy Birthday America! 250 years young!**

Veterans Lunch and Coffee is at Keke's on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am...sign up sheet in the clubhouse! Be sure to be at the clubhouse by 11:00 am if you need a ride!!

“BZ” to Jim Vones for collecting more of the Veterans emails in the park and sending out information regarding Veterans affairs! If you know of a Veteran that is not receiving emails, please inform Jim Vones or Dawn James.

**The battle, Sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave...**  
**- Patrick Henry**



#### ✚ Special Events – Gail Reichert and Glenn Addis

What a party!! We had 103 HOA members sign up to attend! We enjoyed the afternoon, socializing, eating, beverages, 50/50 winner, gift certificates and centerpiece drawings!! Thanks for everyone that turned out for this event.



#### ✚ **Hurricane Preparedness:** Hurricane season began on June 1 and hopefully we will be excused from any hurricanes this year! However, we still need to be prepared. Please check the following websites for information and guidelines:

- [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)
- [www.mysuncoast.com](http://www.mysuncoast.com)
- [www.floridadisaster.org/planprepare/hurricane-supply-checklist/](http://www.floridadisaster.org/planprepare/hurricane-supply-checklist/)

#### ❖ <https://www.resilientsrq.net/>

#### **NOW OPEN: Housing Recovery Program Survey**

Sarasota County homeowners affected by **hurricanes Ian, Debby, Helene and/or Milton** are invited to apply for assistance through the Resilient SRQ Housing Recovery Program. This program offers help with repairing or rebuilding homes or reimbursing eligible out-of-pocket expenses. **Homeowners can begin the process by completing an interest survey online. Users must sign up for an account and log in to access the survey**

#### ✚ **How to contact the HOA:**

**Website:** [camelotlakesvillagehoa.com](http://camelotlakesvillagehoa.com) **Email:** [camelotlakesvillagehoa@gmail.com](mailto:camelotlakesvillagehoa@gmail.com) (if you are not receiving HOA EMAIL blasts. Check your spam.

**"Keep your face to the sun and you will never see the shadows."  
– Helen Keller**