



CountrySide Lakes

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35 YEARS STRONG



CountrySide Lakes opened as an independent and assisted living community 35 years ago.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



DON BURNETTE, the President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce and former Mayor of Port Orange, visited our community and met with Executive Director, KRIS WILLIAMS.

November 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is remarkable that 400 acres in Port Orange, some of which was swamp land, was developed into a planned urban community consisting of residential housing called Countryside, commercial shopping, recreational facilities, and senior living.

Our building is on seven acres of lakeside property, hence the name CountrySide Lakes Senior Living. It is ideally situated at a high elevation and is connected to the same power grid as the nearby Halifax Hospital. In the past 35 years, no one has ever been evacuated from our building during hurricane events.

Under the current ownership, all 146 apartments and common areas have been completely renovated and upgraded to modern standards. We take pride in keeping CountrySide Lakes a beautiful, clean, and safe place to live.

Celebrating 35 years in operation, the mission of our community has consistently been to provide the best lifestyle for each and every resident.

This is truly a happy anniversary!

MANAGEMENT TEAM

KRIS WILLIAMS - Executive Director
PETER PAKURIS - Senior Marketing Director
JULIE SMITH - Nursing Director
STEVEN BERNSTEIN - Executive Chef
DANLADI MAIDUGU - Maintenance Director
CELIA LAUREANO - Housekeeping Director
CHAD OWENS - Physical Therapy Director
JANET MUNSON - Business Office Manager

THE HISTORY OF COUNTRYSIDE LAKES

941 Village Trail originally was a "55 plus" community that transitioned to independent and assisted senior living in 1990 by the Lane family, owners of the first nursing homes in Florida.

One bedroom apartments were available back then for under \$1,000 per month. Every apartment was carpeted and the decor throughout the building was not as bright as it is today.

There was a gazebo in the courtyard, a chaplain's office in the building, and the nursing area was known as the PAL (personalized assisted living). CSL was a polling place and this newsletter was the "Chronicle."

Residents elegantly dressed to the nines for "Chef's Table" and the waitstaff wore white jackets.

A year after the transition to senior living, Celia Laureano was hired as a housekeeper. She worked her way up to Director and is our on-site historian.

The long standing Executive Director was Steve Schrunk, who was an innovative force in the growth of CountrySide Lakes. Zoning did not permit a dock or deck on a lake so he petitioned instead for an "observation platform." It was approved and is now our "turtle deck."

CSL was purchased in 2017 by a group, Shepherd Senior Living and Senior Living Fund. Shepherd managed operations until they were replaced by Frontier Senior Living in 2021.

35 YEARS AGO

George H. W. Bush was President of the U.S.

Gas was \$1.16 per gallon
World Wide Web was created
Cheers was the #1 TV show
The cost of a hamburger at McDonald's was 75 cents

NASA launched the Hubble Space Telescope

Home Alone was the highest grossing film

The Gulf War started as Iraq invaded Kuwait

San Francisco 49ers won the Super Bowl

The reunification of Germany -Berlin reinstated as capital city

Average price of a new car was approximately \$15,042

The first season of Law & Order aired

Apartheid was abolished in South Africa

Cincinnati Reds won the World Series

Cell phones were only for making calls, no other features

Most of our dining room staff were not born yet!



CELIA LAUREANO & STEVE SCHRUNK

OUR RESIDENTS IN 1990

DON & JOAN DAIGNEAULT played golf every day

BARBARA YOUNG was teaching kindergarten

CHERYL FLANAGAN owned an animal training business

R. B. BUCKNER camped to Alaska and back 14,000 miles

STEPHANIE RIJ was a NJ hospital switchboard operator

CLARENCE BLOOM retired from the military and post office

LANA BRANNAN was a FLA statewide training specialist

CAROLYN GANE operated an Agrimart feed store

BARBARA LAMPERT was teaching high school

DALE STUMP took 45 teens camping in Colorado

MIDGE SOLOMON was in the Jewish Girl Xmas Pageant

CAROLYN CAPUTO moved to New Smyrna Beach

JOANNE & BRAD FENNER were grad students at Ohio Univ

MICHAEL LYNN was a NY architect who created Con-Dops

ADRIENNE BOND degree in early childhood education

LINDA DAHLBERG operated a B&B in New Hampshire

BILL SMITH was president of homeowners' association

CLAUDETTE KRUPNICK managed a NY treatment center

CHERY DVORAK transitioned from snowbird to FLA resident

PAULINE MUNN made many trips around Florida

BETTY ANN TUCKER made her daughter's prom gown



RESIDENT PROFILE



JIM BROOKER fondly remembers 1990 because that was the year his son graduated from the same college he had attended, received the same degree, and was a member of the same fraternity as his proud dad.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Jim is a descendent of Edwin A.

Stanton, the Secretary of War under President Abe Lincoln.

After graduating from Ohio University and serving in the U.S. Army, Jim began a 35 year successful career in the mortgage and title business. It's no secret he made a lot of financing deals on the golf course!

Jim and his wife were married for 58 years until she passed. They were blessed with a son and daughter.

He moved to Florida 25 years ago and has become an active member of our community.

Jim enjoys leading our physical fitness classes three mornings weekly.

Thanks, Jim, for all you do at CountrySide Lakes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 11/2 SANDRA MOODY
- 11/3 MARLENE GREENE
- 11/7 JIM BARLOW
- 11/7 DAN O'ROURKE
- 11/13 SALLY ENGLE
- 11/14 JEAN DEXTER
- 11/17 DENNIS ROSS
- 11/18 CLARENCE BLOOM
- 11/18 ALICE TAUFER
- 11/21 KATHY HAWK
- 11/21 S. CHRISTOPHERSON
- 11/25 BETTIE MCMULLEN
- 11/28 BILL THIBEAU

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

- 11/7 TREAZU'RE SIMS
- 11/19 LIZ PADILLA
- 11/30 LINDA FENTY

GUEST SPEAKER



We were honored to have Dr. ALBERT MOSLEY, President of Bethune Cookman University, as our distinguished guest speaker.

TREAZU'RE SIMS of our nursing team received an early birthday present by getting to meet Dr. Mosley because she is currently a student at BCU.

MORE FROM 1990

PAT ANDERSON was on a safari in Kenya and Tanzania
JOAN LONERGAN managed an adult condo complex in NY
LEFKI DEMOPOULOS went out to nightclubs until 3 AM
MELANIE BUCCOLA retired from working in Massachusetts
JANET THOMAS lived nearby and watched CSL being built

BREAST CANCER CHARITY AUCTION



CAROLYN STUEDLI has planned a wonderful event on November 1st for a great cause. Please support it.

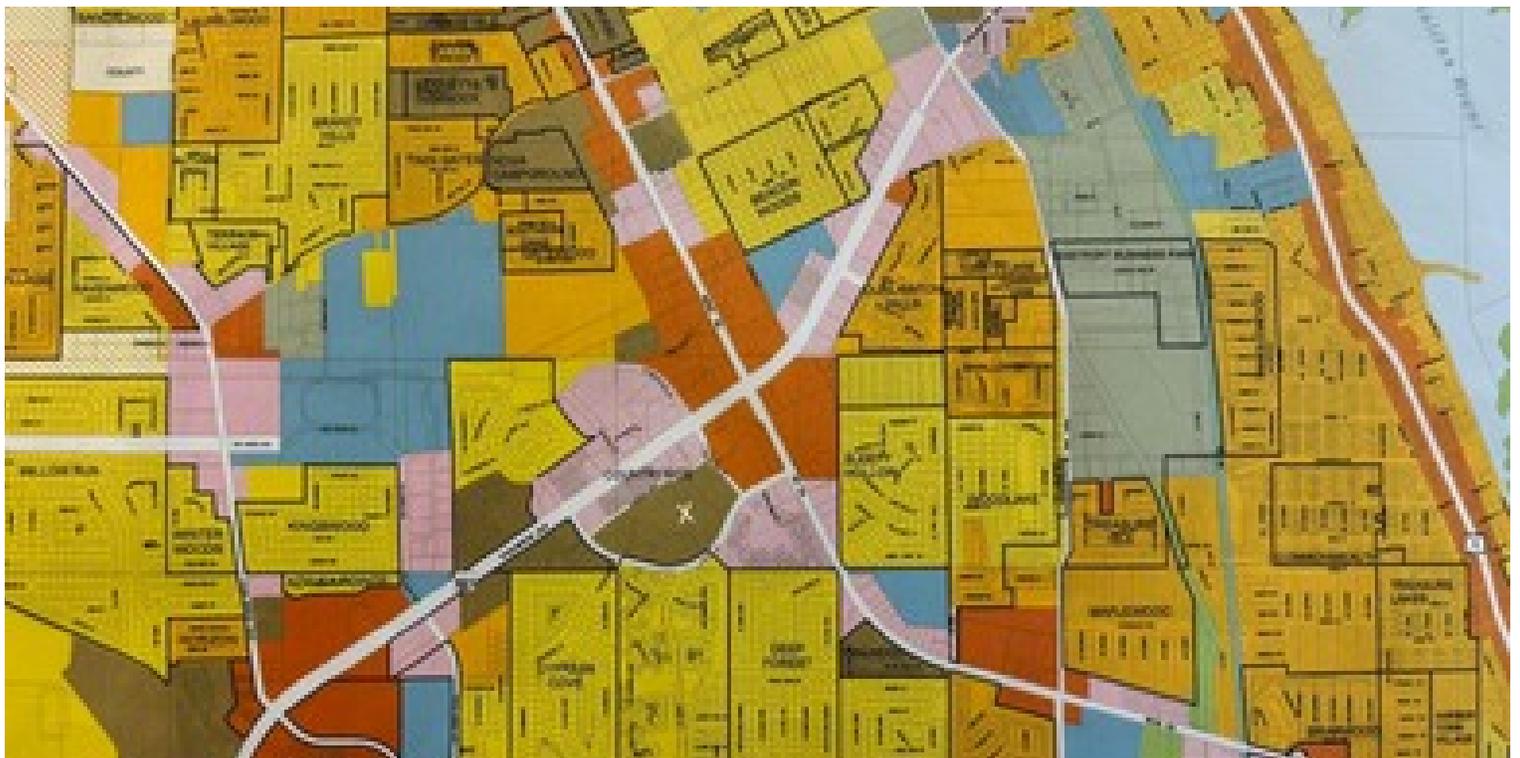
BETTY ANN TUCKER was the big winner at a recent breast cancer awareness bingo fundraising event. Her winning numbers were called by JANET VACCHIANO along with Marketing Assistant, MICHELE KOWALKSI.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

We as a community have so much for which to be thankful. To all our residents, staff, and family members, best wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving.



OUR PROUD VETERANS DEPARTING FOR THEIR FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON, D.C.: BILL KUCHAR (ARMY), DAN O'ROURKE (NAVY), RON WALKER (AIR FORCE), ELAINE DOCK (NAVY), JON JACKSON (AIR FORCE), BILL POTTER (MARINES)



"X" MARKS THE FUTURE SITE OF CSL ON SWAMP LAND AS SHOWN IN THIS HISTORIC "PORT ORANGE FUTURE LAND USE MAP." THE ORANGE COLORED PARCELS ALONG THE INTERSECTION OF DUNLAWTON AND NOVA ARE SHOPPING CENTERS TODAY.