



# The Village Press

The Village Landlords Newsletter



Next Meeting is November 21st, 2:15pm  
City Hall Aquatic Center, 701 SW 71st Avenue, North Lauderdale

November 2010

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## News From the President

by: Bob Obenland



We'd like to thank **Donna & James Fresquez, Yvonne Hunter, and Bill & Debbie King** for their Halloween open houses. Their displays were great and gave all you Halloween collectors some new ideas for next year. See the pictures in the newsletter and more on our website.

for Tots drive, so bring in the toys for the kids. We will also be doing the Grinch exchange, so be prepared to steal a prize. See the article on this months meeting for all the details.



(Jeff Junkins) was there to sign all the pieces bought at the event (such as Bonnie's piece

pictured below) as well as their display artist (Jill Schlung) doing demonstrations on display tips. Lunch was served with a display of live floral and foliage material by the Williamsburg's Floral Artist. There were a lot of the new pieces that came home



Thirteen of our members attended the October D56 event in Williamsburg to celebrate the



new Williamsburg Village. The Village Landlords were by far the best represented club at the event. The Williamsburg Village artist

with our club members as well as some for club prizes and a future special display. We hope to see you at the November meeting.

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Now it's time to get your name in for this year's holiday house tours. We have seven so far, but there are still dates in December and January open. See the calendar of events in the newsletter for the tours we have scheduled. Here's your chance to have the club members see your village, to see other's villages and share ideas. Let us know the date you would like at the November meeting or contact me at 561-752-0450.

This month will be our Toys



## Our Next Meeting

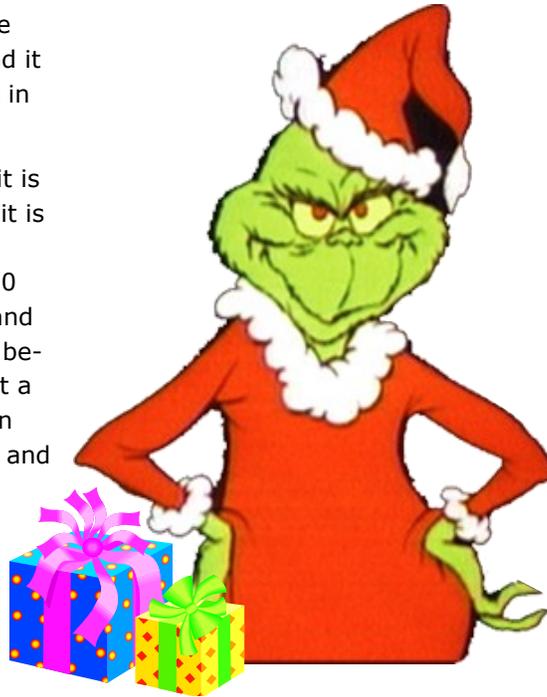
by: Chris Barrett

**Toys for Tots Drive** - We will be collecting toys for our Annual Toys for Tots Drive. For each unwrapped toy you bring to the meeting, you will receive one ticket to win prizes donated for this toy drive by our sponsoring dealers. To be consistent and fair to everyone, we have set the minimum amount to spend for each toy at \$10. You can bring as many toys as you like - the more toys, the more tickets you get and the more Christmas cheer we can spread to local children. Last year we were able to donate over 170 toys and it helped to kick off the Campaign in South Florida.



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**Grinch Gift Exchange** — Yes, it is better to give than receive, but it is more *fun* to be a Grinch! The Grinch Gift is to be a new \$20.00 gift - village or holiday related and gift wrapped. The game is fun because each person gets to select a wrapped gift, unwrap it and then possibly lose it to someone else and have to select again. The suspense of being able to select from unwrapped gifts or "steal" a gift that someone is holding is what makes the game so much fun.



the container and that person (number 2) can either select a wrapped gift and unwrap it OR choose the unwrapped gift from number 1. If number 1's gift is taken, then number 1 must go to the table and select another wrapped gift, unwrap it and draw another ticket for the next person (number 3). Number 3 then has the choice of gifts from either number 1 or number 2 or selecting a wrapped gift from the table. If an unwrapped gift is selected, then that person goes to the table and selects a wrapped gift. If a person's gift is stolen then he/she must go to the table and pick another wrapped gift.

The game continues until every wrapped gift has been selected. Then number one has the opportunity to select again, by taking someone else's gift if they want to, but they are not required to do so. That one forced trade is allowed. The game is over. Free trading among players is allowed after the game is over.

Don't be afraid to swipe a gift from someone else. The more takeaways and turnovers there are, the more fun the game seems to be. Some of the best times have been when a particular gift gets swiped several times. There are always lots of laughs and sometimes gifts get swiped just for the fun of it.

### HERE ARE RULES:

Each person bringing a gift will be given a ticket and the stub will be placed in the container. The Host will draw the first ticket from the container and that person (number 1) will select a gift from the table and unwrap the gift. Number 1 will then draw another ticket from

## Upcoming Events



- 11/21 — Village Landlords Meeting at 2:15 pm
- 12/05 — Tom & Susan Shetler Open House
- 12/11 — Barbie Long Open House
- 12/12 — Joe & Katherine Mc Phillips Open House
- 12/18 — Jerry & Nancy Fernon Open House
- 12/19 — Bob & Gloria Obenland Open House
- 01/08 — Joseph LaMonica Open House
- 01/?? — Bill & Debbie King (TBD) Open House



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# October Meeting Highlights

by: **Bonnie Eichholtz**

If you missed the October meeting, you didn't get to celebrate the club's 19th Anniversary. Happy Birthday Village Landlords! Here are some other things that happened.



Peggy said dues would be accepted now although they are not due until January 2011.

Gisela said there was one new member. A Press release was given to the Sun Sentinel, Miami Herald, Palm Beach Post, Forums, Parkland and Coral Springs magazines.

Jonathan told membership he would like to feature stories in the newsletter. He said every collector has a story to tell. Please track him down on Sunday and volunteer to be an author! Jerry suggested members take photos of their display in stages and give to Jonathan.



Ronald McDonald House: Jerry said he, Gene Armeno, Joe McPhillips and Norm Barrett will be setting up the display.

Peggy Mead said she got an event notification from the Model Railway Club in Key West for December 4th. Jerry said Sears has Dept. 56 Christmas Story and Disney Houses. Charlie Heisinger said Christmas Palace had Carlos do a demonstration at their October 16th event. Peggy Mead said one of our members won Carlos' demo at their event in Miami. George Fells said the entire store in Fort Lauderdale has been redone and the underwater display is really nice.

Peggy Mead spoke on SOS Children's Village in Coconut Creek. When Peggy delivered the check to Vicky Walters, she gave Peggy material to share with the club to show all that they do. They are totally funded here and have really evolved. They have lots of housing for foster children.

After the break, Jerry Fernon did a village wall make n' take. Great Fun!

## Door Prizes:

Village Collector Ornament

**Bill Shields**

I Love My Village Brite Lights

**Gisela Gaspar**

SV Outhouse

**Genevieve Alt**

Send In The Clown Event Piece

**Jonathan Stout**

D-56 Snowbird Light Ups

**Genevieve Alt**

Stone Corner Posts with Holly Tree

**Mark Reynolds**

Frosty Tree Lined Picket Fence

**Kathy Tavernia**

4 misc. SV Accessories

**Gisela Gaspar**

Village Gumdrop Road

**Charlie Heisinger**

Our Own Village Park Bench

**Gail Reynolds**



## Raffle Prizes

SV No Girls Allowed

**Donna Fresques**

Twinkle Brite Trees

**Charlie Heisinger**

Halloween Runaway Monster & Bride

**Joe McPhillips**

Set of 3 Mill Creek Park Bench Straight and Curved Sections

**Peggy Mead**

Lemax Spooky Town House Base

**Gail Reynolds**

Mill Creek Bridge

**Barbie Long**

Rock Creed Mill House

**Bill Shields**



Mystery House

**Rosemary DeJesus** (NP Alfie's Toy School for Elves)

Special Raffle **Guenther Heil**



## The Treasury Report

by: Peggy Mead



	October Report
Beginning Balance	\$3,295.04
<b>Deposits</b>	
Advertising	\$ 120.00
Membership	\$ 25.00
Special Raffle	\$ 110.00
Pin Sales/Ed	\$ 10.00
Raffle	\$ 105.00
<b>total deposits</b>	<b>\$ 370.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Copies	\$ 18.00
meeting	\$ 30.00
Other	\$ 6.57
raffle prizes	\$ 240.88
Refreshments	\$ 14.85
Stamps	\$ 13.20
<b>total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 323.50</b>
Ending Balance	\$3,341.54
raffle bank	\$ 50.00
	\$3,391.54



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## Hospitality Helpers

by: Peggy Layton

I appreciated all who brought the delicious desserts to the October meeting. It was a nice turn-out. As always, thank you for your support.



### PUMPKIN CHEESE BALLS

Here is a "fun" appetizer you can serve your guests at Thanksgiving:

- (2) 8oz. blocks **extra sharp cheddar cheese** shredded
- (1) 8 oz. pkg. **cream cheese** softened
- (1) 8 oz. **chive & onion cream cheese**
- (2) tsp. **red pepper**
- (1) **broccoli stalk**

Combine cheddar cheese and next 4 ingredients in a bowl until blended.

Cover and chill for 4 hours.

**Shape mixture into a ball to resemble a pumpkin.**

Smooth entire outer surface with spatula.

Cut stalk to resemble a pumpkin stem and press into top of cheese ball.

Serve with your favorite crackers or vegetables.

16 appetizer serving



This is the list of people bringing desserts to the November meeting:

**Nancy Fernon**  
**Marlene Bretl**  
**Joan Heinsinger**  
**Guenther Heil**  
**Gail Reynolds**  
**Rosemary DeJesus**  
**Tom Shetler**

Thanks Everyone, see you all Sunday, November 21st!



# Membership Insider

by: Gisela Gaspar

96 Members and still looking for more!

A PRESS RELEASE has been sent out to all the local publications announcing our club and its upcoming meetings. We hope to be published in the newspapers serviced by our areas and believe that this notice will increase our already strong membership.

We also count on you to get the word out. Let your family, friends and neighbors know about our meetings and invite them to come on Sunday. It is free to visit and we

look forward to sharing our joy of collecting with others.

Moving or Email Changes? Be sure to send any updated information to **Peggy Mead** at [peggoo@aol.com](mailto:peggoo@aol.com) or you can mail the updated information to our club PO Box.

Below is a 2010 THE ORIGINAL SNOW VILLAGE INTRODUCTIONS word hunt. Look for the words in the yellow box to the right. Good luck finding them all!

- THE ELF HOUSE
- THE FINISHING TOUCH
- SANTA COMES TO TOWN 2010
- CHRISTMAS AT GRANDMAS
- NUTCRACKER PLAYHOUSE
- RED CUP CAFE
- TOMS FOODS
- SVPD PRECINCT 76
- LOON LAKE CABIN
- GRANDMAS FAVORITE PRESENT
- NUTCRACKER BALLERINAS
- FOUR CUPS OF JOE TO GO
- SHOPPING WITH MOM
- LOST AND FOUND
- THANKS FOR THE HELP BOY
- WAITING FOR THE BUS

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# NBC 6 Interviews the Club

by: Jerry Fernon

To begin I would like to thank Barbie Long for her help

and influence in having Channel 6 do an interview about our club. The original thought was for them to come to the Ronald McDonald house while our team was putting up the display.

Well as fate would have it the "fish" are having a game the same day so all of Channel 6 assets will be devoted to that.

On the other hand Adam Kuperstien Channel 6's ace reporter, along with his cameraman also named Adam came to



our home on Wednesday Nov. 10th to interview my wife and I and film our villages to show just what the "village landlords" is all about. Bob Obenland was

there also and provided his expertise. Thanks

Bob.

I must say that the process was much more complicated than I had imagined. Adam spent over 2 hours interviewing and filming. The

result of which will be aired sometime the week of the 15th of Nov. on the 11:00pm news. The segment will last approxi-



mately 90 seconds. When I find out the exact date, an e-mail will be sent out so everyone can tune in.

To cover Ronald McDonald house Jonathan Stout has graciously volunteered to film the process there so that it can be added to Channel 6's program.

Lastly I would thank Barbie Long again for making this possible.

See more pictures taken at Ronald McDonald's House on the last page of this newsletter.




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# Halloween Open Houses Eerily Special

by: Jerry Fernon

One of our newer members, **Yvonne Hunter** had a Halloween open house that proved to be one of the better displays I have seen. Again I would urge our members to look at the Village Landlords site ([www.villagelandlords.com](http://www.villagelandlords.com)) to see more pictures. They don't do justice to the real thing but I would hope that more members would



be enticed to go to the open houses this Christmas time to see up close what some of our fellow members do to make their displays so enjoyable to look at. You don't know what you are missing.

As usual **Bill and Debbie King** did a splendid job. Everyone should go online and see more of the pictures taken that night. The detail they put into their village is to be envied. I know I don't want to miss their Christmas open house.



*Agustin Barchuk*

*Terri Barchuk*

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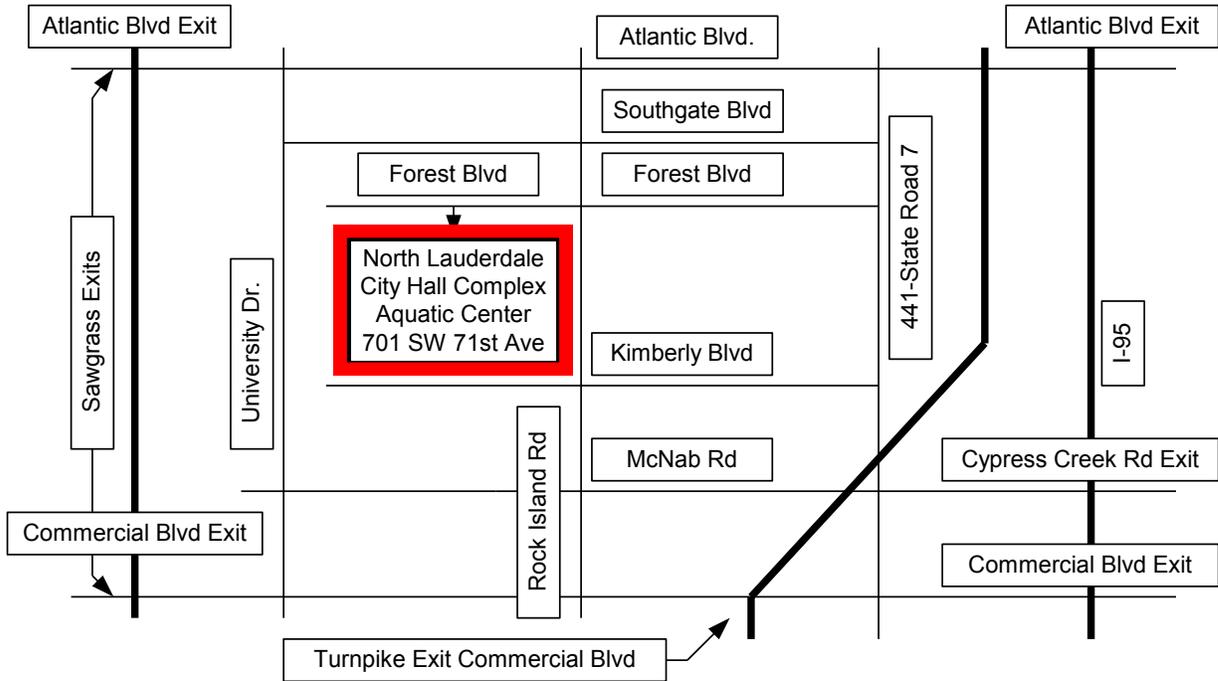


**Donna & James Fresquez** started off the Halloween Haunting with their open house —the first one of

the season. There were great decorations, terrorizing bathrooms and some really creepy sounding (but deliciously prepared) food items to devour. One personal favorite was the Wizard of Oz display that really was spectacular.



Map to site of the Village Landlords Meeting location



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