



Fiddler's Creek welcomes back residents with themed event

On a mild November evening, live music pulsed to a rhythmic beat as more than 500 club members dined on a buffet and enjoyed dancing poolside under a starlit sky.

The setting was appropriate for the party themed "White Hot Miami Nights." But this was not South Beach. Rather, the location was The Club & Spa at Fiddler's Creek, which had been transformed for the evening to welcome homeowners back to Fiddler's Creek for the season.

The Welcome Back Party is one of several large parties provided annually for residents, said Aubrey J. Ferrao, president and CEO of Fiddler's Creek LLC. There also are events to celebrate the holidays and New Year's Eve as well as the annual Passport Party, which treats residents to a buffet of international cuisine from the Pacific Rim, Latin America, the Caribbean and more.

"The social events at Fiddler's Creek provide an opportunity to bring residents together to enjoy the superb resort-style amenities that are available at the master-planned community," Ferrao said. "Residents enjoy seeing their friends and neighbors who may have been away for several months and catching up on all their news while enjoying fine food and entertainment."

At the Welcome Back Party, residents were met with cool blue lights and live music entertainment by Final Countdown. Meanwhile, four professional dancers clad in white outfits performed on raised platforms, stopping occasionally to pose for photographs with the guests.

Along the pool area were several large banquet tables set with produce from the Farmer's Market, the Grill House with Texas barbecue brisket, a Seafood Feast with fresh shrimp and oysters, a Hibachi Station and Chef's Sushi Station, and a Sweet Endings dessert table. The menu was prepared by the Club & Spa



The Club & Spa at Fiddler's Creek was transformed into South Beach for the evening to welcome homeowners back to Fiddler's Creek for the season.

Caxambas Restaurant team under the direction of Chef Eric Long.

After dinner, the energy moved to the dance floor as dozens of residents danced along with the band. The evening progressed with a fireworks show and further entertainment.

The Welcome Back Party is very popular with residents, many of whom come back into town specifically for that event, said Jack Toole, who purchased his home at Fiddler's Creek in 1997 and who chairs a St. Patrick's Day Party Committee. Toole added that many individuals choose to purchase a residence at Fiddler's Creek specifically because of the social opportunities.

"We've been to a number of these events over the years that we've lived at Fiddler's Creek. They are a great opportunity to meet people, and we've met some great people," Toole said.

Fiddler's Creek is well-suited to host events with resort style amenities including the

54,000-square-foot Club & Spa, fitness center, multipool swimming complex, tennis courts and restaurants. Residents also have the opportunity to join The Golf Club, ranked in Golfweek's "100 Best Residential Golf Courses" in the country for the seventh consecutive year, and the Tarpon Club, offering homeowners the opportunity to enjoy a beach and boating lifestyle.

Located off Collier Boulevard on the way to Marco Island, Fiddler's Creek comprises 4,000 acres and is zoned for 6,000 residences. With 1,700 residences completed, Fiddler's Creek has approximately 4,300 residences yet to be built. With a very low density level of 1.6 homes per gross acre, the community will be comprised of 100 neighborhoods upon completion.

The Fiddler's Creek Sales Center is at 8152 Fiddler's Creek Parkway. Online at <http://www.fiddlerscreek.com>.