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## Continental Country Club files for reorganization

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### WILDWOOD

Continental Country Club — a 1,000-acre community that contains some 675 mobile homes — has requested corporate reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Act through a U.S. court in Jacksonville.

The company has given some 90 renters eight days to move out and sent notices to home owners last week that a monthly maintenance fee will increase from \$65 to \$135, claims Don Ryan, vice president for the Continental Community Residents Homeowners Association.

Continental has also laid off a number of employees, Ryan claims. Located east of Wildwood on State Road 44, the community includes a country club and restaurant, a large golf course, other

sporting facilities and is intended for retirees.

Officials for Continental Country Club "prefer not to say anything at this time," a spokeswoman told the *Leesburg/Commercial* Friday when asked for comment.

Ryan says the eviction notices were distributed by company security guards Thursday. Those affected by the evictions are short-term renters, generally, Ryan says.

Some of them had paid their rent through the end of March but the association has not found legal means to fight the evictions, Ryan says.

The association does plan to contest the maintenance-fee increase, however, he says.

"We have contacted the (state) mobile-home department in Tallahassee and

advised them of the action. They advised us that it is illegal for the owner to do that — they have to give us 90 days notice," Ryan says.

Ryan also claims that the unsigned letters notifying home owners of the maintenance-fee increase were improper.

The association was scheduled to hold a meeting Friday night to discuss the situation and make plans to protect its members.

The group hopes to strengthen its bargaining position by taking in more than two-thirds of Continental's home owners as members, qualifying itself for special privileges under the 1984 Florida Mobile Home Act.

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