

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

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The President's Message

Karen Maller, the attorney for our HOA, will be present at our next Association Meeting on January 5 to provide information and an update on the process of challenging our lot rental increase. I hope you all attend.

I have many thanks to offer as the year comes to a close. Our Board of Directors for the 2nd year in a row has stayed the same all year. It has been a great group to work with, and most members will remain on the Board for 2010. Thanks for all your hard work in the past year. I say goodbye to Connie Long and Linda Shott and welcome Art Devlin and Leo Lumpiesz as Directors for 2010.

Grateful thanks to our Committee Chairpersons and Coordinators from me and from all of us for their yearlong commitment to leading activities for our Village. They are:

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| Arts & Crafts - Chris Peterson | Bingo - Bob Hrabec | Bowling - Lorraine Fricke |
| Breakfast - Harry & Barb Rundle | Bridge - Lee Horner | Can Collection - Camden Long |
| Cards & Games - Eliza Velicu | Dominoes - Lorraine Fricke | Golf - Bob & Annie Collie |
| Helping Hands - Barbara Bakes | Horseshoes - Don Gibeau | Ladies Luncheon - Dottie Matteson |
| Ladies Pool- -Lorraine Fricke | Men's Pool - Bob Collie | Newsletter - Susie Lunney |
| Painting - Mary Gavaza | Poker - Woody Wood | Pot Luck Suppers - Louise Hosie |
| Rent Committee - Gary Ammerman | Shuffleboard - Judy Hood | Sunshine Lady - Dolores Harrison |
| Thurs. Nite Cards - Ken & Bernice Nehring | | Trips/Outings - Dottie Matteson & Trudy Wood |
| Membership - Margie Jordan & Linda Shott | | Blood Pressure - Dottie Matteson & Joan Kenney |

Some others who have volunteered to share their time and talents in the coming year are:

Mah Jongg - Shirley Peterson Membership - Marj Tischer Welcoming - Rose Peckham

If you do not wish to continue as a chair/contact for any of these areas, please contact me soon. An updated CRV Activity List will be included in the February Newsletter.

Our CRV Special Events couldn't happen without those who step forward to lead and all those who assist them. I gratefully thank Linda Shott and Gloria Baker for chairing the Spring Fling, Demas Brubacher for Memorial Day Events, the HOA Board for 4th of July, Trudy Wood for Halloween, Richard "Woody" Wood for Veterans Day, Rose Peckham and Ruth Slaton for Thanksgiving, Peggy Hilton and Gary Ammerman for coordinating the Protest/Picket, and Jim Brown and Mal Hood for the Christmas Cart Parade. The Clubhouse looks especially festive this year, thanks to the group who did the Christmas decorating.

And finally, my thanks to all of you who work behind the scenes, showing support for me and the HOA and our Village. Your efforts help to make Crystal River Village a wonderful place to live. Blessings to you all in the new year. Respect each other and keep the faith.

Carl Preston (#340) 795-6458

New HOA Board for 2010

HAPPY NEW YEAR

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------|
| President | Carl Preston | 795-6458 | #340 |
| Vice-Pres. | Trudy Wood | 563-2612 | #523 |
| Secretary | Gary Ammerman | 795-6003 | #168 |
| Treasurer | Carole Nye Polisson | 795-1070 | #313 |
| New Directors-2 year term: | | | |
| | Art Devlin | 563-0557 | #392 |
| | Leo Lumpiesz | 1-231-620-7762 | #338 |
| Directors-1 year term remaining: | | | |
| | Bobbie Stahley | 563-2725 | #421 |
| | Lee Horner | 795-6003 | #431 |

We are closing in on the countdown to **2010**. Come join your friends and neighbors at the Clubhouse and welcome in the new year. This year our celebration from 9:00 pm to 12:30 am includes music by a DJ, Frank DiPiazza. Cost is \$4 per person to be paid at the door to cover the DJ fee of \$400, a bargain price for New Year's Eve. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share as we party into **2010**.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

January Birthdays

| | |
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| 1 Shirley Durante (518) | 21 Ed Peckham (447) |
| 3 Ken Nehring (452) | 21 Katie Suech (349) |
| 4 Alyce D'Annibale (374) | 24 Carol Cate (319) |
| 4 Nancy Hammer (390) | 24 Doug DeKalb (450) |
| 4 Lou Talamo (322) | 24 Bob VanDuzer (345) |
| 7 Dorothy Simon (364) | 25 Bob Cardinal (163) |
| 9 Caryl Kershner (337) | 25 Les Perry (391) |
| 11 David Cartner (442) | 27 Gloria Apfel (406) |
| 13 Bernice Fields (427) | 27 Sylvia Solenberger (328) |
| 14 Ross Ward (371) | 28 Bobbie Barnes (365) |
| 15 Charles Clapp (521) | 29 Ruth Townsend (401) |
| 17 Antoinette Imbasciani (346) | 31 Lee Horner (431) |
| 18 Rune Torstensson (388) | 31 Bob Hrabec (437) |
| 20 Connie Long (445) | 31 Butch Shull (434) |
| 20 Ken Schedel (418) | |

January Anniversaries

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| 9 Les & Susan Perry (391) |
| 16 Ken & Bernice Nehring (452) |
| 20 Harry & Barb Schoeller (357) |
| 26 Bud & Linda Shott (504) |

Please notify me of any errors or omissions. Thanks, Susie

Quote for the Month:

A smile is a curve that can set a lot of things straight. ~Unknown

The Citrus Playbill by Gary Ammerman

Auditions for the Spring Concert with the Citrus Community Concert Choir, Inc. (CCCC) are coming right up. Beginning Jan. 5, 2010 interested singers may audition prior to regular rehearsals of the choir. New members can join until the end of January for the spring session preparing for a performance of Mozart's Requiem and a Hallelujah section. CCCC rehearses every Tuesday evening from 7-9 pm at Faith Lutheran Fellowship Hall, 935 S Crystal Glen Drive, Lecanto. For more information, please call 628-3492. Support Citrus County's Fine Arts!

January Ladies Luncheon

The January Ladies Luncheon will be held at noon Thursday, January 28 at Dominick's Italian Steak House (formerly Patrick's) below Homosassa on Hwy 19. Your Hostesses are Lynn Preston, 795-6458 and Kay Hrabec, 794-3357. A menu and sign-up sheet are posted at the clubhouse.

Shuffleboard Winners

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| Nov. 24 | Barbara Lohfink & Ken Nehring |
| Dec. 1 | Lorraine Fricke & Barbi Nichols |
| Dec. 8 | Ken Nehring & Woody Wood |
| Dec. 15 | Don Gibeau & Mal Hood |
| Dec. 22 | Margie Jordan & Lorraine Fricke |

Please Pick Up After Your Dog!

Several residents on the north side of the Village have noticed dog droppings being left in the area where they walk their dogs. Dog owners, please be considerate of your neighbors, and bring a baggie with you when you walk your pet. Leaving the droppings on the ground is unsanitary, smelly, and attracts insects. Also no one likes to accidentally step in it and track into their home.

Bingo Jackpot Winners

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| Nov. 25 | Carol Cate | \$122 |
| Dec. 2 | Shirley Smith | \$183 |
| Dec. 9 | JoAn Whippie | \$104 |
| | Joe Barry | \$104 |
| Dec. 16 | Waneta Bragdon | \$104 |
| | Lois DeKalb | \$104 |
| | Christine Handibode | \$104 |

Reminder, there will be no Bingo on Dec. 23 and 30, see you Jan. 6, 2010. Happy New Year from Bob and your CRV Bingo Team.

Bingo Refreshments

Many, many thanks to all who provided refreshments for Bingo in the past year. People really look forward to the break and your delicious goodies.

Wishing you all a wonderful new year.

Trudy Wood, Bingo Refreshments

December HOA Meeting Summary

The December HOA Meeting was well attended with all Board Members in attendance and a quorum present. The Secretary and Treasurer Reports were read and accepted. Membership has received 73 members so far for 2010. Reporting for the Rent Committee, Gary Ammerman said letters requesting a meeting concerning the lot rental increase had been sent to the Whitehursts but no response had been received from them. Delnora sent a letter to Gary, which was received on Monday Nov. 23, setting a meeting for Tuesday, Nov. 24, not sufficient notice. Our attorney has tried and will continue to try to contact the Whitehursts or their attorney to discuss the matter. Plans were announced for the Protest/Picket at the office on Thursday, Dec. 3. Representatives from Walden Woods and Forest View will join us. At present, 116 For Sale signs have been posted in homes as an additional show of protest and solidarity.

Since the nominees for the Board were unopposed, a motion was made and seconded for the Secretary to cast one ballot to accept them for the Board for 2010. The noise coming from the Wings restaurant on Hwy 19 behind our Village was discussed. President Carl went to the city and found they had been given permission for one grand-opening occasion, not every Thursday. If the noise continues to disturb residents, please report it to Carl.

Art Devlin reported the male swan is acting more aggressive, probably because of mating. Art has provided nesting material for them. The New Years Eve party will go from 9:00 pm to 12:30 am.

CRV Fishing Report

The boat ramp at Pete's Pier has been fixed. Two boats can now launch at the same time. It also has a floating deck that makes it easier getting in and out of your boat. There is a Parking Fee of \$5 for a vehicle and \$10 for vehicle & trailer. I personally think a parking fee for county boat ramps STINKS!! Remember when fishing the bay and rivers to watch the tides. If we have a strong East wind, the tide will be lower than normal. I hear from a good friend that Gulf fishing is great around Fort Island beach and at the mouth of the Withlacoochee River right now as long as you have a moving tide. Lure of choice is a soft plastic jerk bait brown with gold flake. They are catching a variety of fish, including snook, redfish and trout.

If you would like to go fishing, call or stop by.

Ollie Simon (#364) Phone 220-6068

Canned Goods & Christmas Gifts

Mary Stiles reports that our Residents sponsored 14 children for Christmas and donated \$114 for the Family Resource Center. Thank you for your generosity. The need is great, so our HOA will continue to collect non-perishable food in the bin at the Clubhouse. If you can provide any items, leave them there and Mary & Lee will get them to the Center.

Fishing Tournament Rescheduled

The December 5th CRV Fishing Tournament was postponed due to weather. It is rescheduled for Jan. 30, 2010 from 8-11:00 am here on our own two lakes. Anyone wishing to sign up early can stop by or contact Ollie Simon, lot #364, phone 220-6068.

RULES: Open to CRV Residents only. Live or artificial bait may be used. A cash jackpot with \$5.00 entry fee for those fishermen wishing to participate. The pot will be divided, 1st place will receive $\frac{3}{4}$ of the pot for Biggest Fish Caught and the remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ to 2nd place for the second Biggest Caught. **Note:** You do not have to enter the Jackpot to participate, just being part of the fun will make you a winner. **All** who participate will have a chance to win a prize for Most Fish Caught & Smallest Fish Caught. Prizes are donated by Ed's Bait & Tackle, sponsor of the tournament.

CRV HOA Website News

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Did you know there is a calendar on our website listing the activities going on in our Village, giving time and place? It can be found on the Activity Calendar page, below the list of Activities and Contact People. That listing will be updated soon for 2010. Check it out!

Security Alert!

Our Village had a break-in recently during daylight hours and is still under investigation. This is a strong reminder to us of how important it is to look out for each other and be aware of what is happening around our neighborhood. If you see an unfamiliar person or vehicle in our Village, don't challenge them, but take note if possible of their appearance and license plate number. And remember to lock your own home and car.

Also Carl has had several complaints of the pedestrian gates in the fence being found unlocked. This has been discussed many times in the past, but it is still happening. If you discover or see anyone leave a gate unlocked, please let him know. And if you are a person who leaves it unlocked, consider that another time the break-in could affect you. Being sure to lock gates behind us is critical to the safety and security of our Village.

CRV HOA Health Fair "Live Well 2010"

Our HOA is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Health Fair at our Clubhouse on January 23, from 10-2:00pm. Representatives and health care specialists from area businesses will have booths set up to help you learn how to experience senior living at its finest. You will be able to speak with consultants, get information, and discuss various programs, like exercise, weight loss, and emergency telephone systems. Many screenings will be available, including those for diabetes, blood pressure, balance, and possibly hearing. Blood South will do a free cholesterol check for you if you are willing to donate blood. For questions or further information, contact Marilyn Brown, 1-585-593-3560 or Judy Hood, 795-1971 co-chairs of this event. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this event for the health of it.

Mah Jongg, Anyone?

If you would like to play Mah Jongg, please join us at the Clubhouse on Thursdays at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in learning how to play, please contact Shirley Peterson, 568-5742 (#158).

Thanksgiving Dinner a Success!

Once again our Clubhouse was filled with the happy sounds of people enjoying a delicious meal when 90 residents and their families gathered to share Thanksgiving Dinner. Ruth Slaton and Rose Peckham co-chaired the successful event, with Don Hudson and Carl Preston doing the honors of carving the turkeys, and Dennis Lunney offering the blessing. Our HOA provided the turkeys, stuffing and gravy; all other trimmings were brought by those attending and shared pot luck style. If you would like to view photos of the event, visit our website, click on Community News, go to the bottom of the page to Village Photos and choose the Thanksgiving Dinner. It was a tasty event!

December Pot Luck

Our December Pot Luck was very well attended with 84 or more residents gathered. And with that many people, the selection of food was wonderful! It was a festive occasion and following the meal we had a Christmas Carol sing along. It was led by those who had spread a little cheer at the Saturday Breakfast earlier in the month and were charged with doing it again, Lorraine Fricke, Linda Shott, Margie Jordan and Susie Lunney, who were joined by Judy Hood. Several new residents were in attendance and introduced; Rich & Karen Craven (#451), Jerry & Joan Helms (#416) and Bob & Marylou Benedict and Joyce Blide (#174). If you see them out and about, give them a warm welcome to our Village.

Remember to note any ingredients in the dish you bring that may cause allergic reactions, such as nuts, shellfish and the like.

There will likely be a speaker for the January Pot Luck but that has not been finalized yet.

Editor's Thanks

Many thanks to Ollie Simon, Gary Ammerman, Bob & Kay Hrabec, and Judy Hood who contribute articles and information each month for the Newsletter. And thanks to those who provide information on other events in our Village. You make my job a lot easier.

Susie Lunney, Editor

Golf Cart Parade

On Saturday afternoon December 19, it was cold and windy when our parade of decorated carts made its way out of the Village and up the sidewalk to Cypress Cove Care Center. But the weather did not deter about 2 dozen Cypress Cove patients and Staff from coming out on their patio area to view the carts and be serenaded. They especially liked the visit from a couple of small CRV pets that made the journey with their owners. 15 carts were decked out for the afternoon parade which returned and circled through the Village. At 6:00 pm we gathered and circled the Village again, this time with our carts all lit up, stopping several times to sing carols. It really felt like Christmas as the temperatures dropped and noses and toes were chilling. We were grateful to return to the Clubhouse for cocoa and cookies. You can view photos of the parade by visiting our website, click on Community News, go to Village Photos at the bottom of the page and select CRV Christmas Cart Parade.

Protest of Lot Rental Increase

On Thursday afternoon December 3, over 100 CRV Residents (some estimates put the number at 112) staged a Protest/Picket in front of the CRV Sales Office protesting the recent lot rental increase. Reporters from the Chronicle interviewed several residents and took pictures, and an article appeared in the local newspaper the following day. Some protesters were even in wheelchairs. Several residents from Walden Woods and Forest View joined the protest in support of CRV residents. It sent a strong message to Management that we residents of CRV Village are united in our determination to fight the recent rent increase. To view photos of the protest you can visit this site http://picasaweb.google.com/budshott/CRV_Protest online.

Ongoing Protest

Many residents felt the above protest should continue. Toni Imbasciani volunteered to organize that effort. She is scheduling residents to protest for a couple of hours each afternoon in front of the Sales Office. The response has been amazing, and she sends her thanks to all of those who have participated. Some residents who were unable stand or walk for two hours have brought a chair and sat with their protest signs. Not everyone is able or willing to participate for various reasons. Please be respectful of their opinions. Toni is scheduling dates for January. If you would like to participate, you can reach her at 564-1733. It is vital to show Management that our Village is united in our resolve to fight their unfair lot rental increase.

Time to Renew Membership

Your annual membership in CRV Homeowners Association runs from February 1st of one year to the end of January the following year. If you have not renewed your membership for 2010 yet, please do it in the coming month so you will have a vote at Association meetings and continue to receive the Newsletter. As of this writing, Margie Jordan and Marj Tischer report that over 100 have signed up so far for the coming year.

If you need a Membership form, or need to have yours picked up, contact Margie at 563-9849 or Marj at 795-5003. The fee has not changed, and is still \$10.00 for the year.

Up Coming Events

Super Bowl XLIV Party - On Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010, join others at the Clubhouse with your favorite beverage and a snack to share and view the game on the wide screen TV. It's okay if you are only interested in the commercials, as long as you keep relatively quiet during the serious play time.

CRV HOA Yard Sale - Do you have things in your closet that you never use, but they are too good to throw away? Donate them to our yard sale, or rent a table and sell them yourself! The Sale will be held on Saturday, February 27. Volunteers to help price and set up are always welcome.

BEST WISHES TO ALL IN 2010!

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.
~Bill Vaughan

Crystal River Village - January 2010 - Calendar of Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>Save this Date: Feb. 7 - Super Bowl Feb. 27 - CRV HOA Yard Sale</p> | | |  | | <p>1 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Men's Pool</p> | <p>2 10:30am - Horseshoes</p> |
| 3 | <p>4 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool</p> | <p>5 8am- Men's Breakfast Ladies included 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Meeting</p> | <p>6 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool</p> | <p>7 8am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg</p> | <p>8 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Men's Pool</p> | <p>9 8-10am -SAT MORN BREAKFAST 10:30am - Horseshoes</p> |
| 10 | <p>11 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool</p> | <p>12 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos</p> | <p>13 10am -Blood Pressure 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool</p> | <p>14 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Card Games</p> | <p>15 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Men's Pool</p> | <p>16 10:30am - Horseshoes</p> |
| 17 | <p>18 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool</p> | <p>19 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Board</p> | <p>20 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool</p> | <p>21 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg 6pm - POT LUCK</p> | <p>22 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Men's Pool</p> | <p>23 10:30am - Horseshoes 10-2 pm - CRV HOA HEALTH FAIR</p> |
| 24 | <p>25 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool</p> | <p>26 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos</p> | <p>27 10am -Blood Pressure 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool</p> | <p>28 9:30am - Painting Grp 12 noon - LADIES LUNCHEON 1pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Card Games</p> | <p>29 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Men's Pool</p> | <p>30 8-11am - CRV FISH TOURNAMENT 10:30am - Horseshoes</p> |
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