

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

This past year was an interesting one, and one of learning for me, the Board and the HOA. In negotiations and dealings with the Whitehursts, we learned that it takes a strong HOA, and that means all of you not just the Board, and patience, lots and lots of patience. We strive to remain positive in our approach to Management, but it is an ongoing challenge to get them to live up to promises they made in the Rental Agreement Settlement.

The Owners have not really finished anything on time. They found it more important to improve their office space this year than in a timely way take care of the commitments made to our Homeowners Association. Whether it is upkeep of the Clubhouse, heating the pool, renaming the streets, heating/cooling of the Clubhouse, ongoing water problems, potholes and sand in the streets, finishing the handicapped bathroom facilities in the Clubhouse, or the ongoing saga of the shuffleboard courts, they stall, delay, or do the job just half way and leave it. This comes as no surprise to our residents who have lived in CRV for a while; the Owners continue to operate the same way they always have.

As noted earlier, it takes fortitude and patience to deal with Management. I feel we had a great Board last year and will have another in the coming year. We will continue to work hard to accomplish as much as possible and maintain communication with the office. But a strong HOA needs a strong treasury, and that means we all need to support our fundraisers. That is also why our activities must be self-supporting.

The reason I mention all of this is because, while we have tried for 12 months to be patient and work with them, all we have received is one excuse after another and blatant disregard for the health and safety of our residents. I feel we are really close to bringing the Whitehursts to court to make them live up to what they promised.

It was a tremendous Christmas season. We had a wonderful turnout for the December Breakfast. The in-house chefs prepared a delicious buffet that delighted all. The Christmas Pot Luck had a near record-breaking number in attendance. The food was fabulous, and we had a great time singing carols. Many thanks to all who so warmly greeted my wife, Lynn. Her ongoing recovery is a wonderful Christmas gift to our family.

A Happy Healthy New Year to All!

Carl Preston (#340) 795-6458

New HOA Board for 2012

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CRV New Year's Eve

Come to the Clubhouse on Saturday, December 31 and welcome the new year with your CRV friends at a New Year's Eve Ham & Hors d'oeuvres Party. The HOA will provide ham and sandwich essentials along with coffee and punch; the rest of the food will be pot luck. Bring a favorite side dish, appetizers, or snacks to share, along with your own special beverage. The charge is \$3 per person. We will gather at 7:00 pm to listen to some music, share memories and drink a toast to a new year in 2012. An early celebration will be held at 10:00 pm. Those who wish may stay on for a traditional midnight celebration.

A sign-up sheet is on the Clubhouse bulletin board. Please indicate if you will attend, so ingredients and supplies can be purchased.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

January Birthdays

03 Ken Nehring (452)	24 Carol Cate (319)
04 Alyce D'Annibale (374)	24 Doug DeKalb (450)
04 Lou Talamo (322)	24 Bob VanDuzer (345)
07 Stella Fuks (302)	25 Bob Cardinal (163)
07 Dorothy Simon (364)	25 Les Perry (391)
09 Caryl Kershner (337)	27 Gloria Apfel (406)
13 Bernice Fields (427)	27 Leonard Burton (506)
14 Ross Ward (371)	27 Sylvia Solenberger (328)
17 Toni Imbasciani (346)	29 Ruth Townsend (401)
18 Rune Torstensson (388)	30 Betty Wright (341)
20 Ken Schedel (418)	31 Lee Horner (431)
21 Ed Peckham (447)	31 Bob Hrabec (437)
23 Gerry Caul (538)	31 Butch Shull (434)

January Anniversaries

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

Come Help Un-Decorate

What goes up, must come down!
 Can you spare a little time on Saturday,
 January 7 at 10:00 am? If so, please
 come to the Clubhouse and help take
 down the decorations and put them
 away for another year.

Many thanks, your HOA Board

Bingo Jackpot Winners

Nov 30	Annie Collie	\$162
Dec 07	Kathleen Stoeckert	\$160
Dec 14	Arlene Barry	\$210
Dec 21	Joe Barry	\$84
	Dottie Matteson	\$84

In Memoriam

Our Village lost one resident this past month. Marie Cross, age 87, passed on December 18. She and Robert, her husband of 70 years, lived in #375. Marie had been in ill health and a resident at Cypress Cove in recent years. We send our sympathy to Robert and Marie's family and friends.

CRV Spaghetti Dinner

This Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, January 10 at 5:30 pm at the Clubhouse. Chef Don Hudson is preparing your choice of Spaghetti with Meat Sauce or Chicken Cacciatore, accompanied by salad, bread, dessert and beverage. You are invited to bring your own beverage if you wish. The cost is \$8 per person. You may obtain tickets from any member of the Board. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Remember how much you enjoyed this dinner last time? Many asked for more such dinners, and here it is. Come enjoy a great meal while helping support your HOA. Get your tickets soon!

HOA Home Sweet Home

The winners for January are:

Home Sweet Home Golden Award

Randy & Marilyn Brown #179

Nice face lift, two thumbs up. Thanks.

Home Sweet Home Silver Award

Bill & Carol Cate #319

Happy trails to you.

Special Note: Crystal River Village was all decked out this holiday season. Thanks for the Christmas spirit and cheer you shared with all of us.

HOA Home Sweet Home Committee

Shuffleboard

Nov 29	Judy Hood & John Moore
Dec 06	Don Buschbascher & Don Gibeau
Dec 13	Bud Shott & Linda Shott
Dec 20	Ken Nehring & Rosemarie VanDuzer

Bobbie Stahley's Address

Bobbie Stahley, a long time resident of CRV, has moved into an assisted living community near her family in Ohio. She really misses her friends here in CRV and would welcome your letters. Her new address is:

Bobbie Stahley
 SEM Terrace Apt. 56D
 5371 S. Milford Road
 Milford OH 45150

December HOA Annual Meeting Summary

The December 6 HOA meeting opened with a moment of silence for resident Ed Plissey who had recently passed. A quorum was established, with 62 families and seven Board Members present, plus 51 Absentee Ballots received by the Nominations Committee.

Mal Hood, Nominations Committee Chairman, presented the names of candidates for office for 2012. The floor was opened for additional nominations, none were received, and nominations were closed. Members were asked to mark their ballots and turn them in to the ballot box. The Committee, with Marilyn Snell Brown as overseer, retired to the library to count the ballots.

Notes from the November meeting have been posted; the minutes from the last official meeting in July were read and accepted. Kay reported on correspondence with Michael Whitehurst regarding the status of repairs to the shuffleboard courts and a serious issue about handicap facilities in the men's restroom. She also reported on the November meeting where Delnora stated the rent box would be available again. Since that time, the room has often been locked, and residents only have access during certain posted hours. Kay presented the Treasurer's report in Carole's absence.

Committee reports were given. Jane Bryan reported the December breakfast would be buffet-style all-you-can-eat. Marsha Gibson thanked all who helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner. Over 70 attended, and 14 meals were prepared for the Resource Center. Suzanne Dost previewed the contents of the Basket of Cheer Raffle, to be drawn at the Pot Luck. Trudy Wood gave details on the upcoming trips to Hard Rock Casino and Key West. Woody Wood shared the thank you cards he had prepared to hand out to people in our military service.

Leo Lumpiesz reported that we continue to request some type of repair for the shuffleboard courts to make them playable. If we do not get satisfaction on the issue, we will contact our attorney. The issue of using golf carts on some Crystal River streets and on the wide sidewalks was discussed. It is close to approval by the City.

Outgoing Board member Art Devlin was thanked for his service to the Board and community.

The Nominations committee completed their ballot count and results were reported. (Complete information for the new Board is listed on the front page of this Newsletter.) New members Joan Helms and Mary Gavaza were invited to join the Board at the front table.

(This is only a summary. Full notes can be viewed on the Clubhouse bulletin board.)

CRV HOA Membership

Please return your green annual Membership Form with your dues of \$10 soon, if you have not done so yet. Forms may be obtained from and turned in to either Gerry Caul (#538) 794-3548 or Barbi Nichols (#349) 794-6539, or to any HOA Board member.

Two CRV On the Move Trips

A trip to Hard Rock Casino in Tampa is planned for Monday, January 23. The cost of \$20 covers the bus round trip, \$25 in free play credit, and a \$5 food voucher. The bus leaves at 8:30 am and returns to CRV around 6:00 pm. Sign up by January 15.

A trip to Key West is planned for Sunday, March 4. This 3-day trip includes a deluxe motor coach, 2 hotel nights with free continental breakfast in Florida City, an airboat ride and alligator show for \$149 per person. Must sign up and pay total by February 2. Contact Trudy Wood at 563-2612 for more info.

January Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies Luncheon will be held on **Thursday, January 26** at noon at **Taverna Manos** located at 5705 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy (Rte. 44) about a mile east of Winn Dixie on the left. Your hostesses are Sue Ellen Clark (#509) 794-3253 and Jane Bryan (#306) 352-257-9526. A signup sheet and a sample menu will be posted at the Clubhouse.

If you sign up and are unable to attend, contact one of the hostesses as soon as possible, so the number attending can be changed with the restaurant.

CRV Book Club

The Club is presently reading *A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg. It will be discussed, and a new book chosen at the next meeting on January 2. If you would like to join, the group meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 10 am. For more information contact Joan Helms (#416) 794-6220.

CRV Fishing Report

With a new year ahead I get a little sad thinking about the good old days. I remember when we were kids, how excited we were with my Dad's old cane pole and a can of worms; we would fish for bream (pan fish). Later in life I would take my children fishing. One time I took our youngest, Laurie, to a stocked pay-to-fish lake. Well, I tell you she caught a nice catfish and right then and there she was going to tell all the other fishermen on the lake how to catch fish. It was really a sight to see - this 7 year-old holding her catfish. Every one helped make this little girl's day. I'll bet you have an old memory or two. I hope mine helps you to remember.

If you would like to go fishing or just take a trip up the Rainbow River, stop by lot #364 or phone 220-6068. Your fishing friend, Ollie Simon

Family Resource Center The Children Thank You!

Once again, we send a big Christmas THANK YOU to the wonderful folks in CRV for their generous support for the children of Citrus County at Christmas time. We sent 30 deserving children a wonderful Christmas -- either by adopting a child, giving money or games, art supplies, toys, clothes, or coming to the center to help wrap gifts. Family Resource helped about 1900 children find packages on Christmas morning. Thanks to many loving people like you!

Another big THANK YOU for all the food you have given throughout the year. Lots of folks give food for Thanksgiving and Christmas, but our families are just as hungry in July and August. There are many wonderful people in Citrus County and many of them live right here in Crystal River Village.

Heartfelt thanks from Director Ginger West
Mary & Lee Stiles and all the other Volunteers

CRV Cart Parade

The Christmas Cart Parade had 17 decorated carts participating. Several of our newer residents joined and had a great time, circling the park and stopping to sing carols at many homes. You can view photos of the parade by going to our website to the Community News Page, and clicking the link in Village Photos.

CRV Pot Luck Christmas Party

Our December Pot Luck Christmas had a great attendance of about 85. The amount and variety of dishes shared was amazing, and all delicious. Though it does take a bit longer to get everyone served with so many, there was ample food left for those at the end of the line.

After the meal Bob Hrabec and Susie Lunney led us in singing Christmas carols. Bob and Susie also gave a couple of seasonal readings.

The highlight of the evening was when Lynn Preston arrived and walked around the room and greeted everyone. We were all delighted to see how well she is recovering.

At the end of the evening the ticket for the "Basket of Cheer Raffle" was drawn. The winner was Barbi Nichols.

Requests from Management

1. The Office has a new system for processing checks. Delnora asks that residents NOT fold their checks, and that they write the month(s) the check is for in the Memo section. Also, please include Lot # and do NOT use colored ink, only blue or black.
2. Please make sure to use the correct Sales Office address, 1801 SE Hwy 19, Crystal River, FL 34429, NOT 1601 SE 8th, which is the Village address.
3. Checks are NOT to be taken to the Sales office. The Rent Drop Box will be mounted on the outside of the Clubhouse before the January rent is due.

2012 Healthy Living Health Fair

The 4th annual Healthy Living Health Fair will be on Wednesday, January 25 from 9-1:00 pm at the CRV Clubhouse. We are expecting about 25 vendors to attend. They will do some health testing and tell us about their services. This is your opportunity to educate yourself about what services are available in Citrus County, and how to access them if you or a loved one ever needs these services. LifeSouth Bloodmobile will be here to collect blood. If you are able to donate, this is your opportunity to help save a life.

This year we are asking every vendor to bring a door prize so you have an opportunity to not only learn about these services but also to win prizes. Coffee and light refreshments will be available.

Dates for Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 4: CRV Open House

The cost is \$20 for those on our website and \$40 for those not. The fee covers this Open House and the one scheduled for March 10. Contact Suzanne Dost (#399) 727-255-9255, coordinator of this event for more information.

Wednesday, February 15: Military Card Party

The \$12 fee covers lunch, which begins at noon, and prizes for winners. Carole Nye Polisson, Art & Maryann Devlin, and Lee Horner will coordinate.

Sunday, March 4: Key West Trip

This 3-day event includes a deluxe motor coach, 2 hotel nights with free continental breakfast in Florida City, an Airboat Ride and Alligator Show. The cost per person is \$149. You must sign up and pay the total by February 2. More information is available on the bulletin board.

Saturday, March 10: CRV Open House

See February 4 Open House for more information.

Thursday, March 15: St Patrick's Day Dinner

with corned beef & cabbage and the fixings. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Saturday, March 31: Annual CRV Yard Sale

This fundraiser takes place on the lawn area near the front gate. Items are always needed, so save this date, clean out your closets and sheds and donate your items. For more information, contact a member of the Board.

Saturday, April 14: Spring Fling

Mark your calendars for this fun event. Theme has not been decided yet, but includes dinner and music.

Wii Bowling League

A Wii Bowling League has started up in our Village. If you are interested in participating or learning more about it, contact Don or Margie Buschbascher (#497) 794-3753.

Saturday Breakfast

The \$5.00 all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet was a big success. We look forward to seeing you again on Jan. 14th. Thank you for all your great comments.

Bill and Jane Bryan (#306)

FMO News & Information

CRV residents responded enthusiastically to last year's stated need for greater support of the FMO. CRV presently has a total of 48 FMO Members. We have about 200 occupied homes in the Village, so that means almost 1 of every 4 residents is already a member. Your response was such a marked increase from previous years that we have reason to believe we have turned a corner! Thank you one and all who participated.

This year's FMO Membership Campaign, running from January 16 to March 31, is aptly named "The Road to Recovery." Packets will be hung on doors of residents who do not belong to FMO. These packets will include a yellow application form, a letter from your CRV HMO Representative Dennis Lunney, and information about why it is important to belong to the FMO. Join and invite a neighbor to come on board with this consumer advocacy association so vital to protecting our rights and interests. Both Annual and 3-Year memberships, which represent greater savings, are available.

Many Thanks for All Your Help


The following have served as Chairpersons, helped at Bingo, Saturday Breakfasts, special events, and generally assisted in making CRV activities possible in the past year, many serving in multiple capacities.

Laura Autovino * Thelma Bachert * Dennis Bailey
Gloria Baker * MaryLou Benedict * Marilyn Brown
Bill Bryan * Jane Bryan * Don Buschbascher
Margie Buschbascher * Bob Cardinal * Bonnie Cates
Gerry Caul * Joyce Caul * Bob Collie * Annie Collie
Art Devlin * Shirley Decker * Sue Dost * Bev Ellis
Lorraine Fricke * Mary Gavaza * Don Gibeau
Marsha Gibson * Dolores Harrison * Joan Helms
Mal Hood * Judy Hood * Lee Horner * Louise Hosie
Bob Hrabec * Kay Hrabec * Don Hudson * Joan Kenney
Camden Long * Leo Lumpiesz * Shelly Lumpiesz
Dennis Lunney * Susie Lunney * Dottie Matteson
Barbi Nichols * Christine Peterson * Shirley Peterson
Bill Pickett * Carole Nye Polisson * Carl Preston
Lynn Preston * Harry Rundle * Barb Rundle
Bud Shott * Linda Shott * Ollie Simon
Bob VanDuzer * Woody Wood * Trudy Wood
Betty Wright * Cyndi Yahn * Stan Zipperer

Whenever you make a list like this, there is always the chance of omitting someone. If your name has been missed, please let us know.

Thank you from your CRV HOA Board.

Crystal River Village - January 2012 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Welcome 2012 	2 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 10am - Book Club 7pm - Poker 7pm Women's Pool	3 8am- Men's Breakfast Ladies included 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Meeting	4 10am - Bible Study 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	5 8 am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg	6 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Men's Pool	7 10am -UN-DECORATE CLUBHOUSE 10:30am - Horseshoes
8	9 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm Women's Pool	10 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 5:30pm - SPAGHETTI DINNER	11 10am - Bible Study 10am -Blood Pressure 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	12 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg	13 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Men's Pool	14 8-10am -SAT MORN BREAKFAST 10:30am - Horseshoes
15	16 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 10am - Book Club 7pm - Poker 7pm Women's Pool	17 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Board	18 10am - Bible Study 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	19 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 6pm - POT LUCK	20 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Men's Pool	21 10:30am - Horseshoes
22	23 8:30am - TRIP TO HARD ROCK 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm Women's Pool	24 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	25 9am- CRV HEALTH FAIR 10am -Blood Pressure 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	26 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 12 noon - LADIES LUNCHEON	27 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Men's Pool	28 10:30am - Horseshoes
29	30 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm Women's Pool	31 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos		February Events: 4 - CRV Open House 5 - Super Bowl XLVI 15 - Military Card Party		

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