

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

Check out the calendar on the back page; so much is happening in our Village this month. Come watch the Super Bowl with your friends. Bring your favorite Valentine to Saturday Morning Breakfast on February 14; it's a great value and a chance to visit with your friends and neighbors, too. Come to the Pot Luck on February 19, and afterward view the talents of your fellow residents at the Arts and Crafts Show. Last year when the HOA voted to repair and update exercise room equipment, we agreed those funds would be replaced. The Spaghetti Dinner on the 21st is a fundraiser to do just that. The Yard Sale on February 28 gives you a chance to get rid of all those things you never use that are taking up valuable space. Then you can find some great bargains to buy and fill up those spaces. It is a month full of opportunities to get out and have some fun. I hope you will all come out and support these events, especially the Spaghetti fundraiser on the 21st.

Please remember to attend the HOA monthly meeting on February 3. We need a quorum to approve expenses for the upcoming Spring Fling in March. The theme is "Puttin' on the Ritz". You can come casual or jazz it up a bit and wear some of your "bling," as they call it nowadays.

Our HOA began the Mediation Process last October under the direction of Gary Ammerman, Chair of the Rent Committee. Following the October notice of another rent increase, the Committee requested and held a meeting with CRV Management. After a second meeting in December our HOA filed for Mediation. Recently the State of Florida notified us they have accepted our Request for Mediation. That meeting will be held this month. Since we were given the legal 90 day Notice of Increase in Lot Rental Amount, we are obligated to pay the new increase until further notice. I will keep you informed of the results of the Mediation.

I have heard many comments that our website (www.crystalrivervillagehoa.com) is bringing interest to our Village. If you are planning to sell or have friends interested in purchasing, it is a great tool to use for resale of units. The cost of \$50 per listing per year is a bargain compared to other methods of advertising. Web address business cards are available on the Bulletin board if you would like one to give to friends. The website shows all that is happening in our village and what a great place it is to live.

Delnora continues to attend our monthly meeting. It is beneficial for our Board to have the opportunity to hear Management's position on issues that affect us all. One recent item discussed was Parking. The Board agreed to assist Management by publishing the notice shown below.

~Carl Preston (#340) 795-6458

Super Bowl XLIII (43) Party

The Clubhouse is the place to be on Sunday, February 1, 2009 to watch the Super Bowl. Whether you are rooting for the Arizona Cardinals or the Pittsburgh Steelers, come join in the fun and excitement. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:28 pm, but plan to arrive early to get settled in and maybe even catch some of the Pre-game Show on the large screen TV. Bring some snacks to share and your own beverages. Hope to see you there.

Parking Concerns

(Notice from Delnora DeSanta)

Please **do not** park on the grass.

Please **do not** park your second car or van in the clubhouse parking spaces. These spaces are for overnight and long-term guests and those attending functions at the clubhouse.

Vans and cars that do not fit in your driveway need to be parked in the boat area.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

February Birthdays

3 Don Whippie (323)
 4 Laura Autovino (378)
 4 Mari Smith (529)
 5 Genny Woodfill (181)
 6 Harry Schoeller (357)
 12 Alan 'Rob' DeRemer (002)
 14 Marilyn Snell Brown (179)
 14 Faye Cartner (442)
 15 Russ Boersma (385)
 15 Diane Kraemer (531)
 18 Mert Brown (298)
 18 Marilyn Huckins (169)
 18 Bernice Nehring (452)

20 Virginia Audia (307)
 20 Terry Chasmar (172)
 21 Beatrice Pulsifer (408)
 21 Jack Shriver (436)
 23 Cindy Drew (422)
 24 Donal Strother (308)
 25 Wendell Reed (528)
 26 Bill Pickett (318)
 28 Harry Chisholm (320)
 28 Hulette Hilton (530)
 28 Margaret Kiesler (175)

February Anniversaries

7 Tom & Genny Woodfill (181)
 10 Lynn & Beverly Krueger (506)
 12 Lou & Ann Talamo (322)
 14 Randall & Marilyn Brown (179)
 15 Bud & Joanne Eastman (423)
 17 Ron & Caryl Kershner (337)

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

CRV Fishing Report

Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve (WGP)* is a new 413 acre park in Yankeetown that was recently featured in the Chronicle's Crystal River Current. It is a great place to go for anyone looking for local adventure, shore fishing, kayaking, hiking, bird watching, or picnicking. With its groomed trails and spectacular Gulf views, it shows Florida's natural environment at its best. I took a ride out there and thought it was a great place to take my out-of-town friends. I have maps of the park and directions on how to get there if you are interested. I invite anyone that would like to go fishing with me to call, so we can go fish for bass.

Stop by or call, Ollie Simon, 220-6068 (#364)

*For more information on WGP, visit Yankeetown's website, www.yankeetownfl.govoffice2.com and choose Yankeetown Parks in the menu bar.

Thank You - Thank You

To my Friends and Neighbors of CRV,
 I thank all of you for your prayers, cards and well-wishes during my stay in the hospital. Special thanks for the people checking on me since I came home. What a great group of people and a great place to live. "I'm coming back!"
 Thank you, thank you, Lorraine Fricke
 And to Lorraine we all say,
 "FOCUS...on getting well!"

February Ladies Luncheon

The next Ladies Luncheon will be held at noon Thursday, February 26 at the Riverside Crab House in Homosassa. We will dine in a private enclosed room, and enjoy live entertainment (of an animal variety). JoAn Whippie and Dottie Matteson are your hosts. A signup sheet and directions will be on the bulletin board at the clubhouse.

Shuffleboard Winners

Dec. 23 Jim Brown & Thelma Bachert
 Dec. 30 Ralph Falgiano & Woody Wood
 Jan. 6 Ken Nehring & Bob VanDuzer
 Jan. 13 Rained out
 Jan. 20 Mal Hood & Bob VanDuzer

Bingo Jackpot Winners

Dec. 24 & 31 No Bingo held
 Jan. 7 Wanda Kolb \$125
 Alba Falgiano \$125
 Jan. 14 Randy Johnson \$125
 Dolores Pollard \$125
 Jan. 21 Hazel Buschbascher \$250

You may have noticed a different face as you arrive for Bingo. Bob Hrabec (437) is the new Chairman. We hope you will welcome him warmly.

January HOA Meeting Summary

The January HOA meeting began with all members of the 2008 Board in attendance. The December Minutes and Treasurers Report were read and approved. Trudy Wood resigned her position as a Director to take over as the Vice President for 2009. Dennis Lunney administered the oath of office to the new Board; Carl Preston-President, Trudy Wood -Vice President, Gary Ammerman-Secretary, Carole Nye Pollison-Treasurer, Lee Horner, Bobbie Stahley and Connie Long-Directors. Linda Shott was appointed to fill the one year Director Term left vacant by Trudy Wood. Committee Reports were given. Dale Nichols gave his final Bingo report and Bob Hrabec was introduced as the new Chairperson. Camden Long reported they are receiving some cans in the monthly recycling that are not aluminum. If you are unsure, check with a magnet, as aluminum is not magnetic. Louise Hosie has agreed to take over as the Pot Luck Chairperson. Judy Hood reports that the #2 Shuffleboard court is still in poor shape. Gary Ammerman shared some information from the Rent Committee. There is still a question of what will happen for those residents who did not receive a notice of rent increase. Gary also read a recent newspaper article concerning proposed state legislation that would change the law concerning residents purchasing their park before it is sold to anyone else. Among other things, it would increase the timeframe within which to respond to an offer to purchase, and would require park owners to accept a purchase offer from park residents if they match an outside offer. Margaret Stevens noted that repairs to her front lawn are still not complete following the digging up for water line problems in the summer. The replacement sod is dead and only covers a portion of the damaged area. Carole Polisson reported that library books need to be sorted and old books removed. She asked for volunteers. The Board recommended hiring the band "Starburst" to play 4 hours for \$300 at the Spring Fling. A motion to hire them was approved. The Spring Fling will be held on March 28 with a theme of "Puttin on the Ritz." Leo Lumpiesz noted the condition of the lounge chairs at the pool. They are not holding up well to sun and chlorine damage. According to Management, the pool cover was meant to be back by now, but an error in estimating the amount of fabric needed for repair has caused the delay. (It is since back on the pool, hooray!) President Carl Preston reported that at the December 29 meeting with other area Homeowner Association Presidents, Walden Woods noted that due to the publicity generated by their demonstration, their Management has agreed to renegotiate some of their unit rentals.

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Memorial Gift

A donation of \$25 has been made to the HOA in memory of Lou Leo by his daughter's school in New York where she is a teacher. Lou, who passed away last July, was a resident at #299. Our thanks to Charlotte Leo.

Carole Nye Pollison, CRV HOA Treasurer

Books, Books, Books

Thanks to all of you who helped sort through the hundreds of books in our library. Many of them were very old and tattered. We now have room for newer books. The books which have been removed will be put in our HOA yard sale fundraiser on February 28th.

Carole Nye Pollison, CRV HOA Librarian

CRV HOA Website News

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The Preferred List mentioned in last month's newsletter is a website listing of businesses recommended by our own residents. We have six listings so far; Citrus KIA, Cypress Cove Care Center, All Prestige Automotive, Health Center at Brentwood, and the two newest listings, Nature Coast Insurance Agency and Ed's Tackle Shop. Nature Coast presently has open slots for insuring manufactured homes. Nature Coast customers are pleased with the favorable rates they offer. Those who recommended Ed's Tackle say he is helpful and knowledgeable, and the bait is really fresh.

A list of the vendors on the Preferred List can be found on the Clubhouse Bulletin Board for those who do not have access to a computer.

Pot Luck Speaker in January

Right here in Crystal River we have a remarkable complex that is relatively unknown, the Crystal River Archeological State Park. Park Ranger Mike Petellat, who was our guest speaker at the Pot Luck in January, gave a very interesting presentation about this site. It was first used over 10,000 years ago. It was permanently settled about 2500 years ago and saw continuous use for 1600 years. The mounds and stele (limestone markers) provide many clues to the way of life of Native Americans who settled there. This 61-acre pre-Columbian complex is a National Historic Landmark. The Park is ideal for bird watching, and provides hiking and picnicking areas. The Park's tour boat provides birding tours and educational eco-heritage tours of the lower portions of Crystal River. Mr. Petellat's presentation encouraged us to visit the Park. To get there, travel 2 miles north of Crystal River, go west on State Park St. by Days Inn, travel one mile, turn left on Museum Point and follow it into the Park.

Fun Times over the Holidays

We had a wonderful Holiday season here in our Village. From the Christmas Party and the Cart Parades to the New Years Eve celebration, we had many opportunities to share in fun and fellowship with our friends and neighbors. The Cart Parades were a great success. We went out twice on Dec. 16, visiting Cypress Cove and then doing a lighted parade later that evening. And because there were those who were not here or missed the first ones, an impromptu Parade was organized on Christmas Night complete with caroling. On the eve of the New Year over 50 people gathered at the clubhouse to welcome in 2009. We shared tasty snacks and beverages and several even tried their hand at Karaoke. It was another fun gathering.

These events show why our Village is such a great place to live. You do not have to be alone. You are always welcome to come join in the many activities available to you.



Happy

Valentine's Day!

Arts & Crafts at February Pot Luck

Any resident who does Arts and Crafts of any kind and would like to show off your talent to the Village is invited to display and sell your work at the Pot Luck on February 19. Residents, remember to bring your wallets, you may see something you would like to purchase. Items will be displayed at the back of the Clubhouse near the fireplace. All of those who attend the Pot Luck will be entered into a drawing for a door prize.

Louise Hosie (366) is the new Chairperson for Pot Luck. If you are willing to host or assist, or have a suggestion for an activity following the meal, please contact Louise at 795-0830.

Membership Committee

More than 168 households have now joined the CRV HOA, and more memberships are coming in daily. Thank you all for your support. We would love to have 100% participation. Our association sponsors many activities here in our Village, as shown in the enclosed Activities List.

The Resident Directory on our website will soon be updated with the information you provided on the yellow Membership Form. If you do not wish your information listed, please contact Webmaster Bud Shott (220-6066) soon.

An important note: If your information should change, such as telephone number or emergency contact person, please let us know so we can update our records. Having others know how to reach you or your family in cases of emergency is vitally important.

Margie Jordan (177) 563-9849

Linda Shott (504) 220-6060

Activities List

An updated Activities List is included in this month's newsletter. It shows the great variety of fun things to do right here in our Village. At our ages it is so important to keep active, both mentally and physically. If you would like to learn any activity listed, call the contact person or simply attend. They are always willing to assist you. And if there is some activity you would like to see offered, let a member of the Board know. Perhaps there are others interested in the same thing.

...The Citrus Playbill by Gary Ammerman

Get prepared for **Gulf Island Civic Theatre's** next production called "*Wedding From Hell*". They will present two dinner theater matinees at **Tuscany on the Meadow** on March 15 and March 22. The play is an audience participation-style comedy mystery. It is a wedding where everything goes wrong. The Italian-style Dinner will be served before the production. The cost is \$30 per person.

Gary Ammerman will be appearing in the next production at **The Art Center of Citrus County**. "*The Curious Savage*" by John Patrick is a comedy about Mrs. Savage, a widow who has been left 10 million dollars by her husband. She wants to make the world a better place by establishing a fund to help others realize their hopes and dreams. Her grown and financially successful stepchildren have other ideas. They commit her to a 'sanatorium' hoping to get their hands on the money. She has hidden the money and won't tell anyone where it is. Mrs. Savage exacts an appropriate revenge. The play runs from March 20 - April 5, 2009.

The **Citrus County Community Choir** is planning a special fundraiser dinner complete with entertainment on February 27, 2009. Details are sketchy at this time, but be sure to check the bulletin board for further information. The proceeds will help to send the choir to Vienna, Austria to sing with composer Ed Lojeski's Festival Choir at the International Haydn Festival of 2009 during June and July, 2009.

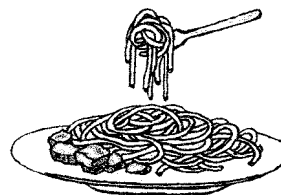
Be sure to support Citrus County's Fine Arts!

CRV HOA Yard Sale

The annual CRV HOA Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday February 28 from 8-1:00. This event which benefits HOA will be held on the grassy strip outside the gate along Richard Marion Walkway. You may donate items to the association for the sale or rent a table and sell your own items. Rental fee is \$5 per table for members and \$10 for non-members, and covers the costs for a permit and advertising. To rent a table or donate items, contact Carl Preston (340) 795-6458 or Carole Nye Pollison (313) 795-1070. Volunteers are needed to help move and set up tables and to assist during the sale.

In Memoriam

The Village has lost several residents and former residents recently. William E. "Bill" Swope died on December 28. He was a long time resident at #174. Howard Bush also passed away in December. Howard and his wife Marjorie had been seasonal residents of CRV for several years. Mae McGuire, a former resident at #535 and wife of Jerry, died on Dec. 28. Condolences may be sent to the McGuire family at 203 N. 2nd Street, Guttenberg, Iowa 52052. Marian Boettcher, a former resident at #003, passed away on January 19. Marian led Bible Study and hosted the Book Club in our Village for several years. She was a gifted poet and often shared her work at CRV gatherings and in the newsletter. Condolences may be sent to her family in care of her son James Boettcher, 240 Country Club Drive, Crystal River FL 34429. Our Association sends heartfelt sympathy to all their families and friends.



All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner

On Saturday, February 21 there will be an **All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner** sponsored by the CRV HOA. Dinner will be served at the Clubhouse from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. The cost is \$7.00 per person and will include dinner, salad, dessert and iced tea. This is a fundraiser to replenish funds used for the purchase and repair of Exercise Room equipment this past year. Tickets may be purchased from any Board Member or you can contact Harry Rundle (220-6498) or Don Hudson (563-2150). Tickets will also be available at CRV meetings and events before that date. Bring your friends and neighbors; it should be a great time. Hope to see everyone there.

Harry Rundle, Chairperson

Crystal River Village - February 2009 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SUPER BOWL XLIII Party 6:28 pm Kickoff	2 Groundhog Day 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 6:30pm - Quilting	3 8am- Men's Breakfast Ladies included 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Meeting	4 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	5 8am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg	6 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Table Pool	7 10:30am - Horseshoes
8	9 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 6:30pm - Quilting	10 7am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	11 10am - Blood Pressure 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	12 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Card Games	13 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	14 Valentine's Day 10:30am - Horseshoes 8-10am - SAT MORN BREAKFAST
15	16 President's Day 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 6:30pm - Quilting	17 7am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Board	18 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	19 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg 6pm - POT LUCK Arts & Crafts Show	20 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Table Pool	21 10:30am - Horseshoes 5-7:30 pm - SPAGHETTI DINNER
22	23 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 6:30pm - Quilting	24 7am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	25 10am - Blood Pressure 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	26 9:30am - Painting Grp 12 noon - LADIES LUNCHEON 1pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Card Games	27 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	28 10:30am - Horseshoes 8:00-1:00 CRV HOA YARD SALE
			Planning Ahead: March 28 - SPRING FLING "Puttin' on the Ritz"			

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: by the 23rd of month
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CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Most activities take place in Crystal River Village and meet at the clubhouse.
Contact the following people for more information.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>TEL #</u>	<u>CONTACT PERSON</u>
Alum. Can Recycling	8:00 am 1 st Thur	228-9328	Camden Long (445)
Arts & Crafts	1:00 pm 1 st & 3 rd Fri	220-6758	Christine Peterson (329)
Bingo	7:00 pm Wed	794-3357	Bob Hrabec (437)
Blood Pressure check	10 am every other Wed	795-8698	Dottie Matteson (443)
“	at Clubhouse	564-8999	Joan Kenney (449)
Book Club	Inactive at present	563-1476	Barbara Bakes (525)
Bowling	12:00 pm Wed	795-2802	Lorraine Fricke (380)
Dominos	1:00 pm Tue	795-2802	Lorraine Fricke (380)
Bridge	1:00 pm Wed	795-6003	Lee Horner (431)
Mah Jongg	1:00 pm Thurs	564-8851	Eliza Velicu (417)
Various Cards & Games	1:00 pm Fri	564-8851	Eliza Velicu (417)
Golf	9:30 am Mon & Fri	795-4184	Bob & Annie Collie (491)
Helping Hands	as needed	563-1476	Barbara Bakes (525)
Horseshoes	10:30 am Sat	795-3910	Don Gibeau (394)
Ladies Luncheon	12:00 pm 4 th Thur	795-8698	Dottie Matteson (443)
Membership	Co-chair	563-9849	Margie Jordan (177)
“	Co-chair	220-6060	Linda Shott (504)
Newsletter	Published monthly	794-4115	Susie Lunney (433)
Painting Group	9:30 am Thur	794-3501	Mary Gavaza (505)
Poker	7:00 pm Mon	563-2612	Richard ‘Woody’ Wood (523)
Pot Luck Suppers	6:00 pm 3 rd Thur	795-0830	Louise Hosie (366)
Quilting	6:30 pm Mon	228-9328	Connie Long (445)
Sat Morn Breakfast	8-10:00 am 2 nd Sat	220-6498	Harry Rundle (332)
Shuffleboard	10:00 am Tue	795-1971	Judy Hood (178)
Sunshine Lady	Sends cards & notes	563-5383	Dolores Harrison (336)
Table Pool	7:00 pm Fri	795-4184	Bob Collie (491)
Thursday Night Cards	7 pm 2 nd & 4 th Thurs	795-9451	Ken/Bernice Nehring (452)
Trips/Outings	Co-chair	795-8698	Dottie Matteson (443)
“	Co-chair	563-2612	Trudy Wood (523)
Welcoming Comm.	Greets newcomers	795-2349	‘J’ Lee (356)
Webmaster - www.crystalrivervillagehoa.com		220-6060	Bud Shott (504)