

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

My thanks to all of you for your support of your HOA by placing "For Sale " signs in your windows, placing protest signs in your car windows, and participating in the picketing at the sales office. And thanks for those from Walden Woods and Forest View who have given support by joining our picket. Our attorney has said that these are important tools as we proceed to discussions with Management. Thanks to the Rent Committee and to Carol Hilton for your diligence. Our complaint to the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation was received and has been acknowledged.

Early on Saturday, January 9, there was a water main break on the south side of the Village. Delnora was notified, and she had Doug, our maintenance man, respond to the emergency. The water was shut off to the entire Village at about 9:00 am. Doug was able to isolate the section affected by the break, and around 1:00 pm water was restored to all but 23 units. Parts were needed to repair the break. Delnora began making calls to those 23 units to tell them they would have to go without for 3 days until parts could be obtained. After a large outcry from those affected and threats to contact the Department of Health, commercial plumbers were hired to make the repair. Water was finally restored to the remaining residents by mid evening. Delnora's only contact with the Village was by telephone. Neither she nor the Owners ever came to the Village to assess the situation or check on those without water, some of whom do not drive and one is in a wheelchair. They were ready to just leave these residents without a basic need of life for 3 days, so they could buy the parts and make the repair themselves instead of calling in a professional. This is a prime example of how callous the Owners are and what little regard they have for our residents' safety and well being.

The severe cold over the past few weeks slowed some activities in our Village, especially those that take place outdoors. There was still a good turnout for Holiday events and the breakfast. Now that about all of our snowbirds have arrived, the pace is picking up. Snowbirds account for only about 25% of our residents, but they do bring a lot of energy and vitality to our Village.

In the coming year the association will need Chairpersons for the Fourth of July Event, Halloween Party, Christmas Party and New Year's Eve. We also need a person to coordinate finding speakers for Pot Lucks. Please consider helping with one of these activities and contact me or a Board member.

Many of you noted with concern only one lone swan on the pond last Monday. In recent weeks our male swan had become aggressive and was harassing walkers, fishermen, even residents that live around the ponds. In the interest of everyone's safety he was exchanged for another more docile cob. By late that afternoon Polly had welcomed him, and they appear to have bonded. We are hopeful he will not become a nuisance.

Carl Preston(#340) 795-6458

Membership

Membership in CRV HOA for 2010 has reached 134 so far. Margie says there are about a dozen more still to be processed. Your 2009 membership expires on January 31. Newsletters are being delivered to all previous members for this month only. This is the last newsletter you will receive if you do not renew your annual membership. To renew, contact Margie Jordan ((177) at 563-9859 or Marj Tischer (489) at 795-5003.

CRV HOA Activities List

A list of CRV HOA Activities and a contact person for each can be found in this month's newsletter. If one of the activities listed is new to you, give it a try, and you may discover you like it. Come join in the fun. You do not have to be a member of the Association to participate in any of these activities.

Remember to pull the list out and save it for later. It will also be posted on the bulletin board.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

February Birthdays

| | | | | | |
|----|---------------------|-------|----|-------------------|-------|
| 1 | Dianna Bupp | (512) | 18 | Mert Brown | (298) |
| 3 | Don Whippie | (323) | 18 | Marilyn Huckins | (169) |
| 4 | Laura Autovino | (378) | 18 | Bernice Nehring | (452) |
| 4 | Mari Smith | (529) | 20 | Virginia Audia | (307) |
| 6 | Harry Schoeller | (357) | 20 | Terry Chasmar | (172) |
| 7 | Penny Hesselberg | (342) | 21 | Beatrice Pulsifer | (408) |
| 7 | Genny Woodfill | (181) | 21 | Jack Shriver | (436) |
| 12 | Joyce Blide | (174) | 22 | Ernst Keitel | (293) |
| 12 | Alan 'Rob' DeRemer | (002) | 23 | Cindy Drew | (422) |
| 14 | Marilyn Snell Brown | (179) | 24 | Donal Strother | (308) |
| 14 | Faye Cartner | (442) | 25 | Wendell Reed | (528) |
| 14 | Marilyn Plissey | (343) | 26 | Bill Pickett | (318) |
| 15 | Russ Boersma | (385) | 28 | Harry Chisholm | (320) |
| 15 | Diane Kraemer | (531) | 28 | Hulette Hilton | (530) |
| 15 | LuAnn Talamo | (536) | 28 | Margaret Kiesler | (175) |

February Anniversaries

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|----|-------------------------|-------|
| 5 | Bud & Joanne Eastman | (423) |
| 5 | Tom & Genny Woodfill | (181) |
| 10 | Lynn & Beverly Krueger | (506) |
| 12 | Lou & Ann Talamo | (322) |
| 14 | Randall & Marilyn Brown | (179) |
| 17 | Ron & Caryl Kershner | (337) |
| 29 | Bob & Carole Frank | (317) |

Quote for the Month:

You know you're getting older when
the candles cost more than the cake.
Bob Hope

'Call' for Bingo Callers

The Bingo team is looking for a couple of people to add to our great group of callers. No experience is necessary. It's easy and we'll train you. Snowbirds, if you'd like to participate while you are here, let me know.
Bob Hrabec (437) 794-3357

Shuffleboard Winners

Dec. 29, Jan. 5, & Jan. 12 games were cancelled due to extremely cold and windy weather.
Jan. 19 Ralph Falgiano & Bob Perez

Bingo Jackpot Winners

| | | |
|--------------|----------------|-------|
| Dec. 23 & 30 | No Bingo held | |
| Jan. 6 | J. L. Asher | \$46 |
| | Annie Collie | \$46 |
| | Nancy Hannah | \$46 |
| | Pat LaManna | \$46 |
| | Shirley Smith | \$46 |
| Jan. 13 | Lilly Brown | \$225 |
| Jan. 20 | Waneta Bragdon | \$213 |

February Ladies Luncheon

The February Ladies Luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, February 25 at a location still to be determined. Your Hostess will be Barbara Lohfink, 563-2405. Watch the bulletin board for information on the location and signup sheets.

New Residents & HOA Members

The newest residents in our Village are Ed and Marilyn Plissey. They moved into #343 in early January. They are from Maine and will be seasonal residents. Ed is looking forward to some fishing and always has a good story to share. Marilyn hopes to play bridge and do some painting. Ed is a brother to Susie Lunney.

Correction

If you are interested in playing Mah Jongg, please contact Shirley Peterson at **563-5742**, or come to the Clubhouse Library at 1:00 pm Thursdays. Her phone number was incorrect in last month's newsletter.

My apologies, Susie Lunney, Editor

The Citrus Playbill by Gary Ammerman

The Nature Coast Performers, Inc. will be holding open auditions for their next production, "*Sex Please, We're Sixty*", a new hysterical farce by Florida natives Michael Parker and Susan Parker. The auditions will be held on Thursday, January 29 at 7:00 pm at Jersey Mike's Roadside Restaurant in Heritage Village. The cast consists of 4 women and 2 men, all age 50+. The production will be directed by Janie Smith.

Support Citrus County's Fine Arts!

January HOA Meeting Summary

Before the January 5, 2010 Association Meeting began, Toni Imbasciani spoke briefly about the Protest-Picketing that is continuing in front of the Sales Office. She thanked those who have participated and encouraged others to join in. Please contact her (564-1733) to schedule a time slot when you can be there.

Around 100 residents representing about 65 units were in attendance. Carl opened the meeting and it was agreed to dispense with the regular agenda so our attorney, Karen Maller, could speak first. Karen worked with the attorney who wrote the original Chapter 723 document and is very knowledgeable about it. She took us through the steps necessary to meet Chapter 723 requirements in our efforts to challenge the lot rental increase. She commended residents for the protest-picket we have been conducting and encouraged us to continue, as it is an effective means to show Management our ongoing commitment and solidarity. That and the display of "For Sale" signs in our homes become important tools during negotiations. When the lot increase goes into effect in February, we must pay it, even if we are paying under protest. Paying in cash is allowed for by law, and they must accept it. However, Karen suggests we that not be obnoxious by paying in small bills. She also recommends getting a signed receipt and having someone with us to witness that payment was made.

The Whitehursts did not respond to a request for a meeting with our Rent Committee within 30 days of receiving the increase notice as required by Chap. 723. Delnora sent a last minute letter scheduling a meeting less than 24 hours later. It was impossible for the Committee to respond with such short notice. Our CRV HOA went ahead and filed a Petition for Mediation, but it was denied (didn't qualify) since the initial meeting did not take place. The next step is to file a Complaint with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. That is under way and will restart the process.

Following Ms. Maller's talk we returned to our regular agenda. The Secretary's report was read and accepted. The Treasurer was not in attendance, so that report was postponed until the February meeting. Outgoing Directors Connie Long and Linda Shott were thanked for their service in the past year and relinquished their seats to incoming Directors Art Devlin and Leo Lumpiesz. Barbi Nichols administered the Oath of Office to the Board Members in attendance. Activities Chairs gave brief reports. Trudy Wood reminded us of the upcoming trip to Hard Rock Casino on February 22. This year's Spring Fling will be held on March 20 and will be a Country Hoedown. \$1000 was approved for expenses with half that amount anticipated to be replaced by ticket sales. Margie Jordan indicated membership is at 115 with about 15 more received tonight, not yet processed. Judy Hood says so far 22 vendors are slated to be at the Health Fair on January 22. Marylou Benedict (#174) would like to offer an exercise program twice weekly at the Clubhouse. She will try it and see if there is any interest.

January Pot Luck

Our January Pot Luck had over 50 people in attendance and a great selection of delicious food.



Thanks to Bonnie Hubbard, Norma Willhoft, and Demas & Ann Brubacher for hosting. The scheduled guest speaker from Manatee Tour & Dive

Center was unable to attend, so residents just socialized for a while following the meal.

The guest speaker at our February Pot Luck will be a representative from Nature Coast Insurance Agency, one of the preferred businesses listed on our website. The state of FL limits the number of manufactured homes that any one insurance company can cover. This agency still has openings available.

Thank You

Thelma Bachert thanks her CRV friends and neighbors for the many cards, flowers, phone calls and other expressions of sympathy she received on the recent death of her father in PA.

Holiday Thanks

Doug & Lois DeKalb thank all their neighbors who assisted with lighting luminaries on their street (South Purple) on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The 55 votives placed along both sides of the street created a festive atmosphere. The wind was a bit of a problem on Christmas Eve, and shortened the display time. But the small rain shower on New Year's Eve didn't bother much. Doug and Lois hope to do it again next year and plan to add to the number if possible.

Spring Fling 2010 A Country Hoedown

The theme of the Spring Fling this year is a Country Hoedown. Yee Haw! It will be held on Saturday, March 20 at the Clubhouse. Dress in your best country type outfit and come on down!

There will be a social hour starting at 5:00 pm. At 6:00 pm a country-style dinner of sliced pork, baked beans, coleslaw, and rolls will be served. Coffee, lemonade and dessert will be provided, just BYOB. Then dance from 7-11:00 pm with music by DJ Frank DiPiazza. A number of door prizes will be given away.

Cost is \$5 for HOA Members and \$7 for non-members and guests. Advance tickets are on sale now through March 15. There will be NO ticket sales at the door. Tickets may be obtained from Barbi Nichols 794-3285, Trudy Wood 563-2612, or Susie Lunney 794-4115.

In Memoriam

Marion Safko, a long time resident in #435, passed away January 12, 2010. Marion and her husband Louis moved here from Lake Hurst, NJ about 10 years ago. We send our sympathy to Louis and family.

CRV HOA Yard Sale

The Annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, February 27 from 8:00-1:00 pm on the grass area just outside the front gate. If you wish to rent a table to sell your own items contact Carole Nye (#313) at 795-1070. Rental cost is \$10 for HOA members and \$15 for non-members. Table rentals should be arranged by the week before the sale. If you are able to help with marking prices on the "sale" items please call Carole. Pricing will be done the week before the sale at her garage. We are low



on items this year so anything you are considering donating will be appreciated. Just drop off your items at Carole's garage at any time at lot #314. If it is too large for you to move, she can arrange for someone to pick it up. We need lots of grocery bags for the sale, so any you can donate will be appreciated.

New Exercise Program

Marylou Benedict (#174) has started an exercise group called Bone Builders at our Clubhouse. This strength training program was developed by Tufts University and the CDC (Center for Disease Control) to promote better health in older adults. It is geared toward exercises that will strengthen your muscles, and improve balance, coordination and mobility. Dress in comfortable clothing and wear sturdy shoes, like sneakers. If you have hand and ankle weights bring them with you, along with a towel and a bottle of water. We will discuss what else you may need at your first meeting. The group meets from 10-11:00 am every Tuesday and Thursday. Come join the dozen or more residents already attending. For more information contact Marylou on her cell phone at 607-742-0660.

CRV Fishing Report

The cold weather sure makes the old bones ache, but the fishing is very good. I'm getting reports that a variety of fish are being caught in the rivers. Best areas to fish are anywhere the water temperature is 68° to 72°. Look for springs and you will find large numbers of fish. I have not heard recently from anyone here in CRV. Let us know where and how you're catching fish. Bud Shott and I fished behind Day's Inn on Hwy 19 on Dec. 28. Sorry to say we only got one Bass. We launched at the first boat ramp on Hwy. 44 W. We could see a lot of fish on our Fish finder, but they just weren't biting. If you would like to go fishing or just take a trip up the Rainbow River, stop by or call.

Ollie Simon (#364) Phone 220-6068

Look for results of our January 30 CRV Fishing Tournament in next month's newsletter.

Super Bowl XLIV Party

On Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010, come to the Clubhouse and view the big game between the Indianapolis Colts and the New Orleans Saints on the wide screen TV. Bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share. The game will begin at 6:25 pm, plan to arrive 30 to 45 minutes before the start to get settled. For more information, contact Leo Lumpiesz (338) at 231-620-7762.

Health Fair a Success

The 2nd Annual CRV HOA Health Fair held on Saturday, Jan. 23 was a great success. 13 booths offered a variety of services for our residents. **Cypress Cove Care Center** did a blood glucose check for diabetes; Marjorie Davis, a therapist from **Body & Sole Work** offered seated chair massage; and Dr. Navin Singh of **Suncoast Optical** provided free vision exams. **Comprehensive Home Care** gave blood pressure checks on a monitor that can be set up to do daily readings of many different vital signs from your own home, including heart rate, oxygen saturation, glucose level and even your weight. **Comfort Keepers**, an in-home care service, provides care for personal things like bathing and feeding, or just for companionship and errand services. They have openings for any resident who may desire part-time work with them. Many of their clients prefer someone closer to their own age. You choose your own hours and even the type of situation. If interested call 352-726-4547. The 16 residents who donated blood at the **LIFESouth** bloodmobile received a free cholesterol check and blood donor cap. LIFESouth was delighted with the turnout and plan to schedule return visits. Blood donations are always needed.

Other organizations represented were **Slender Ella's**, a women's fitness club in nearby Sweetbay Plaza that many of our residents use; **SkyMed**, a medical transport that provides air service and so much more; and **Lighthouse**, providing life skills training for the visually impaired and blind. **Seven Rivers Rehabilitation** shared information about their new inpatient/outpatient center that allows for recovery close to home. **TOPS** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets weekly at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Building on NE 5th Street in Crystal River. They gave encouragement for those who wish to gain greater control of their diets and offered information on making better food choices. The **Manors of Sugarmill, Crystal Gem and Pleasant Grove** assisted living facilities, were there to provide information on their locations and what each can provide. **Hospice of Citrus County**, providing end-stage services in your own home or in assisted living or nursing home facilities, was represented by Marilyn Brown (#179) who volunteers with the organization when she is at CRV during the winter months.

Our thanks to Chairpersons Marilyn Brown and Judy Hood for their hard work in coordinating this event, and to the exhibitors who gave their time to come and share information about their services. Marilyn and Judy gratefully thank all those who provided the delicious refreshments for the exhibitors and attendees.

Perfumes & Colognes

In recent weeks several residents have mentioned their sensitivity to fragrances at gatherings at our Clubhouse. Many suffer from COPD, asthma, and other breathing conditions. Perhaps it is another aspect of our maturing years, or maybe it is caused by the existence of so much more pollution in our world. Even Churches are now having to address this problem. In any event, if you could refrain from applying perfume, cologne or scented lotions before attending gatherings in our Village, it would be greatly appreciated. Save your scents for more intimate situations where you know it will not bother anyone, and it can be appreciated. If you feel you must use a fragrance, please apply it well in advance of the event you plan to attend so it has a chance to dissipate.



Happy Valentine's Day


Humor for Grandparents

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was and I told him 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and she was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandpa, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"

I was in the bathroom, putting on makeup, under the watchful eyes of my young granddaughter, as I'd done many times before. After I applied lipstick and started to leave, my little one said, "But Gramma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye.

Crystal River Village - February 2010 - Calendar of Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool | 2 8am- Men's Breakfast Ladies included 10am - Exercise 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Meeting | 3 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool | 4 8am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 9:30am - Painting Grp 10am - Exercise 1pm - Mah-jongg | 5 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Men's Pool | 6 10:30am - Horseshoes |
| 7 6 pm -SUPER XLIV BOWL PARTY | 8 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool | 9 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Exercise 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos | 10 10am -Blood Pressure 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool | 11 9:30am - Painting Grp 10am - Exercise 1pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Card Games | 12 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Men's Pool | 13 8-10am -SAT MORN BREAKFAST 10:30am - Horseshoes |
| 14 Valentine's Day  | 15 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool | 16 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Exercise 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Board | 17 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool | 18 9:30am - Painting Grp 10am - Exercise 1pm - Mah-jongg 6pm - POT LUCK | 19 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Men's Pool | 20 10:30am - Horseshoes |
| 21 | 22 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool | 23 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Exercise 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos | 24 10am -Blood Pressure 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool | 25 9:30am - Painting Grp 10am - Exercise 12 noon - LADIES LUNCHEON 1pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Card Games | 26 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Men's Pool | 27 8-1pm - CRV HOA YARD SALE 10:30am - Horseshoes |
| 28 | | | Save this Date: Mar. 20 - Spring Fling Country Hoedown | | | |

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CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES - 2010

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

| ACTIVITY | WHEN | TEL # | CONTACT PERSON |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Alum. Can Recycling | 8:00 am, 1 st Thur | 228-9328 | Camden Long (445) |
| Craft Club | 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 at Clubhouse | 10 am, every other Wed | 795-8698 564-8999 | Dottie Matteson (443) Joan Kenney (449) |
| Bridge | 1:00 pm, Wed | 795-6003 | Lee Horner (431) |
| Cards & Games | 1:00 pm, Fri | 563-5376 | Beverly Ellis (446) |
| Dominos | 1:00 pm, Tue | 795-2802 | Lorraine Fricke (380) |
| Exercise - Bone Builders | 10:00 am Tue & Thurs | 607-742-0660 | Marylou Benedict (174) |
| Golf | 9:30 am, Mon & Fri | 795-4184 | Bob & Annie Collie (491) |
| Helping Hands | Assistance as needed | 563-1476 | Barbara Bakes (525) |
| Horseshoes | 10:30 am, Sat | - - | Don Gibeau (394) |
| Ladies Luncheon | 12:00 pm, 4 th Thur | 795-8698 | Dottie Matteson (443) |
| Mah Jongg | 1:00 pm, Thurs | 563-5742 | Shirley Peterson (158) |
| Membership Co-Chairs | | 563-9849 795-5003 | Margie Jordan (177) Marj Tischer (489) |
| 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 | Woody (Richard) Wood(523) |
| Pool, Men's | 7:00 pm, Fri | 795-4184 | Bob Collie (491) |
| Pool, Women's | 7:00 pm, Mon | 795-2802 | Lorraine Fricke (380) |
| Pot Luck Suppers | 6:00 pm, 3 rd Thur | 795-0830 | Louise Hosie (366) |
| 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) |
| Thursday Night Cards | 7 pm 2 nd & 4 th Thurs | 795-9451 | Ken & Bernice Nehring(452) |
| Trips & Outings Co-Chairs | | 795-8698 563-2612 | Dottie Matteson (443) Trudy Wood (523) |
| Welcoming | Greets newcomers | 563-9831 | Rose Peckham (447) |