

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

The recent water shut off brought to light a problem with our Phone Committee. If your contact person happens to be away from the phone when a shut-off call comes in, you may not get the notice in time or at all. More callers are needed as backups. And please remember, these are all volunteers. We need to be polite to them and thankful they are willing to take the time to call their neighbors. It is not their fault the water is being shut off; they are inconvenienced, too. I have requested Delnora to notify us ahead of time whenever possible when a shut-off is planned here in the Village so we can put a notice on the Activity Board a day or two beforehand. If you are willing to be a backup caller, please contact Connie Long (228-9328) or Margaret Stevens (228-2996).

Recently several vendors have been seen in our Village selling meats and frozen food. Soliciting is not allowed in our Village; they are not authorized to be here. Even if they say they have permission from the office, that is not true. Some of the salesmen are very aggressive. If any of them come to your door, you should contact the sheriff. Do not open your door to anyone you do not recognize. You should always be aware of your surroundings, but with the present economy be extra cautious. A shopper at Sweet Bay recently had her purse stolen from her shopping cart when she was looking the other way. Be alert!

Many residents have commented about our Lawn Care Service. If you have had property damage or experienced problems with their personnel, contact Delnora by phone or in writing. She needs to know of any issues with the service before renewing a contract with them for another year.

I hope to be able to report on the results of the Mediation process at the next HOA meeting.

Finally, I am so pleased with the response to the Spaghetti Dinner, and that we were able to replenish the funds spent on the Exercise Room as I promised. It is rewarding to see so many of you making use of that room from early morning till night.

~Carl Preston (#340) 795-6458

CRV HOA Yard Sale

Grateful thanks to all who gave your time and energy pricing the hundreds of donated items in preparation for the Big Sale this Saturday, February 28 from 8-1:00. And thank you to those who have donated treasures to the Association for the sale. This Yard Sale could not happen without your help and support. You are truly appreciated. If any still have items to be donated and would like to have them picked up, contact Carl Preston (795-6458) or Carole Nye Polisson (795-1070) as soon as possible. See you Saturday.

Thanks from your HOA Board

'Puttin' on the Ritz'

Spring Fling is always a fun time, and this year will be no exception. We'll be **'Puttin' on the Ritz.'** Join your fellow residents on Saturday, March 28 from 5:00 pm till you wear out. We will begin with appetizers, followed by a buffet of Chicken Marbella, baked potatoes, corn, green beans almandine, and rolls. Dessert is also provided; all you need to do is BYOB. After the meal we will be treated to *Stardust*, a brother/sister duo that provides great music for both listening and dancing. Come as you like, smartly casual or in a little finery. Cost is \$6 per member and \$9 for non-members and guests.

Gloria Baker & Linda Shott, Co-Chairmen

CRV HOA Website News

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Our website's Preferred List has several new listings of businesses that have been recommended by fellow residents. New to the list are: Bay Area Air Conditioning & Heating, Manatee Tour & Dive, Canada Drugs/US Discount Meds, Jim Green Jewelers, Mary Kay Cosmetics, and Strickland Funeral Home. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

March Birthdays

- 1 Dot Maloney Binney (410)
- 1 Demas Brubacher (295)
- 1 Bonnie Hubbard (283)
- 1 'J' Lee (356)
- 1 Margaret Stevens (496)
- 2 Bob Taylor (331)
- 6 Charlotte Moore (538)
- 16 Bud Eastman (423)
- 17 Ruth Slaton (438)
- 18 John Topping (351)
- 19 Christine Peterson (329)
- 22 Genevieve Urbaniak (347)

- 23 Lois Gage (377)
- 23 Wanda Kolb (402)
- 25 Bill Blaylock (005)
- 26 Elwood Bailey (300)
- 27 Timm Gage (377)
- 28 Joan Reed (528)
- 29 Bill Cate (319)
- 31 David Fox (302)
- 31 Tiny Gosdeck (439)

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

- 4 Camden & Connie Long (445)
- 7 Richard & Trudy Wood (523)
- 10 Demas & Ann Brubacher (295)
- 11 Calvin & Hulette Hilton (530)
- 14 Jim & Mary Gavaza (505)
- 15 Blaze & Laura Autovino (378)
- 17 Bob & Ann Collie (491)
- 19 John & Linda Moore (173)
- 21 David & Nancy Hardin (287)
- 21 Mal & Judy Hood (178)
- 23 Jim & Joan Kenney (449)
- 30 Elwood & Diane Bailey (300)

In Memoriam

Our Village mourns the passing of two residents in the last month. Dorothy Clark, who lived in #317, died January 30, 2009. Dorothy came from New Hampshire to Crystal River in 1997 after a career as a bank teller. Betty Hendrix, who lived in # 342, passed away on February 10, 2009. Betty came from Ohio to the Crystal River area 38 years ago.

Our Association sends deepest sympathy to Betty's and Dorothy's friends and neighbors here in our Village.

Emergency Call System

Bobbie Stahley (#421) recently obtained the **Telemergency 2000 Telephone**, an emergency call system that she is very pleased with and wants to share the information with others. It is a wireless system that includes a pendant that you wear. If you ever need help, simply push a button and it will auto-dial up to 5 programmed numbers. There is no monthly fee, it costs under \$100, and it can be ordered online at Dynamic-living.com. If you are interested contact Bobbie at 563-2725 for info.

Thank You to Village

I thank all of my wonderful friends and neighbors who visited me during my recent stay in the hospital and since my return home. Thank you, too, for the many cards and good wishes. I am feeling much better. God bless you all. Gloria Jewett # 370

CRV Fishing Report

When the water temperature reaches 68 to 72, Bass should be ready to spawn or at least in the pre-spawn stage. When you're on the water you can smell a fishy scent that indicates you're near a spawning area. Look on sandy bottoms where the buck bass have fanned their beds. Bud Andrews, a local fishing legend, is willing to give a class on fishing in area lakes, rivers and Kings Bay. All that attend will receive fresh and saltwater lures. If anyone is interested, please let me know. I fish with Bud once a month, and he has always caught fish. Now is the time to get the answers to all your fishing questions. I invite anyone who would like to go fishing with me to call, so we can go fish for Bass. Stop by or call.

Ollie Simon (#364) Phone 220-6068

Shuffleboard Winners

- Jan. 27 Paul Haberlein & Don Gibeau
- Feb. 3 Cancelled - Too Cold
- Feb. 10 Ken Nehring & Bob Perez
- Feb. 17 Ralph Falgiano & Bob VanDuzer

Bingo Jackpot Winners

- Jan. 28 Bobbie August \$250
- Feb. 4 Bobbie August \$250
- Feb. 11 Dorothea Binney \$250
- Feb. 18 William Craig \$250

February HOA Meeting Summary

At the beginning of the February 3 meeting, Linda Shott, who was appointed in January to complete a one year vacancy on the Board, was sworn in by Bob Hrabec. After the Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read and accepted, Committee Reports were given. Bob Collie announced March 23 as the date for the Annual Golf Tournament at Brentwood. Membership co-chairs Margie Jordan and Linda Shott reported 181 members to date, and introduced a new member, Mimma Allen (#535). Webmaster Bud Shott has added a map of CRV to the website. It was moved and approved to reimburse Bud \$100 for printing expenses.

New Business: Toni Imbasciani expressed concern about color-coding of our streets being ineffective. President Carl Preston had a recent meeting with the City Manager and the Emergency Services Director, and they feel the problem can be resolved by adding the color 'name' to the sign posts. We will wait to see if that takes care of the issue. Gloria Baker & Linda Shott, who are chairing "Puttin' on the Ritz" this year's Spring Fling, reported a total budget of approximately \$1200 for the event, which includes the meal and musician fee of \$300 approved at the January meeting. Tickets will be \$6 per person to cover ½ of expenses based on an estimated attendance of 100. A motion carried to accept the estimated budget. A letter of thanks has been received from the Citrus County Family Resource Center for the donation of food and canned goods. The need is very great now, so we will continue having the collection totes in the clubhouse. Please donate as you are able.

President Carl announced the Mediation meeting with CRV Owners will take place on February 10.

Coupon Swap Basket

As the economy continues to go downhill, it is a good time to take advantage of coupons. There is now a basket at the clubhouse to swap them. Just look the coupons over, take what you can use and replace them with an equal dollar value from your own coupons that you cannot use. We hope this will be a help to you. Lynn Preston will maintain the basket and remove outdated coupons. Contact Lynn (795-6458) if you have questions.

...The Citrus Playbill by Gary Ammerman

Upcoming events:

"*The Curious Savage*" at the **Art Center of Citrus County**. Gary Ammerman will appear in this comedy running from Mar. 20 - April 5.

"*Wedding From Hell-Italian Style*", a **Gulf Island Civic Theatre** production. They will do two dinner theater matinees at 'Tuscany on the Meadow' in the Best Western Hotel on Norvell Bryant Road. The shows are scheduled for March 15 and 22.

See the February newsletter for more information on these events. Be sure to support Citrus County's Fine Arts!

Spaghetti Dinner a Success

If you were at the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on February 21, you know it was another fun gathering in our Village. Almost 150 people attended, were entertained by guitarist Rick DePirro, and many even danced their meals off afterward. Rick, who sang a variety of Classic Rock hits of the 50s & 60s, can also be heard at *44 Bistro*. Special thanks to Don Hudson who did a wonderful job preparing the food, to the kitchen crew Carole Nye Polisson, Barbara Rundle, Linda Shott, Rosemarie VanDuzer and Carl Preston, and to the many others who helped set-up and clean-up. The evening was a real success, making more than \$650 after expenses. Those funds will be used to repay money spent to repair and replace Exercise Room equipment. The Share & Share was won by Chet Zinkiewicz, #526. Thanks to Cypress Cove Care Center and the Administrator Laura Sullivan for the donation of \$50 to the fundraiser.

Harry Rundle, Fundraiser Chairman

Our thanks to you Harry, for organizing this event and obtaining the donation from Cypress Cove, and to your team. Great job!

The CRV HOA Board

March Ladies Luncheon

Hostesses for the March Ladies Luncheon are Judy Haberlein and Gloria Baker. This month it will be at Cody's Roadhouse at noon on Thursday, March 26. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board at the clubhouse.

Bingo Fun!

Bingo is alive and well and thriving in CRV. Each Wednesday night we have from 75 to 100 people gathered in the clubhouse to have some fun and, with the luck of the draw, take home some cash. Since the first of the year, there have been over 100 winners. This past Wednesday alone we had 17 winners! And with the high attendance, our typical coverall jackpot has been consistently worth \$250!

My thanks to all those who help make the Bingo Chairman's job an easy one: Carl Preston for all his pre-setup; to our callers, Ann Collie, Joan Kenney, and Lynn Preston; to those helpers each week who verify each winning card; to Francis Borger for his help with the Bingo machine and room set up; and to those who help with refreshments, especially Trudy Wood, Margie Jordan, and all of you who donate refreshments. If you are planning to bring any refreshments, please let Trudy (563-2612) know ahead of time so we can better plan our refreshments for the night.

We're looking for additional helpers to add to the Bingo team. If you would like to be a caller, we schedule on a rotational basis, and hope to have at least 5 or 6 people available to call. We can also use more help with sales at the door. Just stop in or give me a call, and we'll provide all the training you need. It's pretty simple and fun. See you at Bingo!

Bob Hrabec, Bingo Chairman (#437) 794-3357

The Center Thanks All of You

On behalf of the Pregnancy & Family Life Center, the Crystal River Village volunteers thank all the residents who have donated so many items to the Center. Thank you for the children's clothing, baby food, formula, and diapers as well as the men's and women's clothing. Finally, thanks to all who took part in our raffle of a flat screen television. Your support to our Center is greatly appreciated.

Center Volunteers from CRV

Barbara Bakes ~ Marilyn Chisholm

Arlene O'Brien ~ Carole Nye Polisson



Daylight Savings Time...

...begins on March 8. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

Audit of CRV HOA Books

Bob Cardinal is a CPA who has just completed an audit of the finances of our Association. I am also a CPA and have reviewed it. The results are on the enclosed spreadsheet. Bob and I found the records to be in proper order. I commend our HOA Board of Directors on the fine job they are doing. They are working hard to establish a continuity of process and better records keeping.

A wealth of knowledge and experience lies within the broad-ranging backgrounds of our residents. Our Board is doing a good job using these talents. When you see a board member, please say thank you to them for their service to our Village.

Mary Gavaza

Bob & Mary will be available at the March HOA meeting to answer any questions you may have about the audit.

HOA President Carl Preston

Pot Luck Supper Programs

At the February Pot Luck several people shared their arts & crafts projects. Those displaying their work were Shirley Peterson, Rosemarie VanDuzer, Bob Taylor, Kay Hrabec, Blanche Dooley, Ken Nehring, Gloria Apfel, Mary Gavaza, and Linda Green, a non-resident who participates in Mary's Thursday Painting Group. Thank you for sharing your talents with us; you are all very creative. Thanks to Mary Gavaza for donating one of her paintings as a door prize at the end of the evening.

After the meal, Debbie Walker, a writer and speaker from Beverly Hills and Maine, spoke about 'Journaling for the Generations.' She encouraged us to write down our memories, family stories, and everyday thoughts for our families and descendants. Keeping a journal is best, but even sharing a brief item on a Birthday or Christmas card can leave a wonderful legacy for your loved ones.

For our March Pot Luck, Kevin Etter, an Energy Efficiency Advisor from Progress Energy, will be our guest speaker. He will share information on programs that can help you save money, and suggest some simple tips for reducing energy usage. Given the present economy, it should be a benefit to us all. Hope to see you there.

Crystal River Village - March 2009 - Calendar of Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1 | 2 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker | 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 <i>DST Begins Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour</i> | 9 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker | 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 8-10am - SAT MORN BREAKFAST 10:30am - Horseshoes |
| 15 | 16 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker | 17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 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 Speaker from Progress Energy | 20 <i>1st Day of spring</i> 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Table Pool | 21 10:30am - Horseshoes |
| 22 | 23 CRVGolf Tournament at Brentwood 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker | 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 5 :00 pm SPRING FLING "Puttin' on the Ritz" |
| 29 | 30 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker | 31 7am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos | | | | |

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