

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

March 2012 NEWSLETTER

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The President's Message

I am pleased to see every event and activity at the Clubhouse enjoying great attendance, fun and laughter. The newer activities, Book Club and Bible study are going strong. Now we have another new one, a singles group, bringing more residents together, and making us a stronger, happier Village. It is a great idea, and meets a need for many who are alone and can use the support of a group. If you have an idea for an activity, contact the Board. We will discuss it and see what we can do.

A few residents have asked why the HOA Board and Rent Committee are creating more problems by insisting Management adhere to the conditions of our contract with the Owners, **conditions they themselves set**. To those few we would say, "Would you let someone steal from your wallet?" That is basically the issue here. We, your Board and the members of the Rent Committee, have tried in good faith to work with Management for over a year. They have missed about every date and commitment that **they** set in the original contract. The only way we, the residents, have under Chapter 723 to get them to honor their agreed-to commitments is by using legal means. If we allow them to disregard their commitments, we will continue to lose amenities promised to us in our prospectus. Please understand, we would rather be working *with* Management to improve our Village.

Bingo has had several weeks with a carry-over game, which happens when the attendance is high, also creating greater pay-outs. The breakfasts have had such high attendance there has been someone seated at every table, the first time I have seen this. Our first Valentine dinner was the largest event ever held, with over 160 residents and guests attending. Come join in the activities.

Until next month, be happy and have fun.

Carl Preston (#340) 795-6458

Key West Trip Departure Time

Be at the Clubhouse by 6:30 am on Sun. Mar. 4.

Irish Dinner & Music

Thursday, March 15

Come celebrate the "*wearin' o' the green.*" Chef Leo Lumpiesz and crew are preparing a traditional Irish meal of corned beef & cabbage with all the fixings. The Clubhouse will open for seating at 5:30 pm, and they will begin serving the meal at **6:00 pm on Thursday, March 15**. The cost is **\$11 per person**. Tickets can be obtained from Leo, Don Hudson, Trudy Wood, Bill Bryan or any member of the Board. Get your tickets by March 12, tickets will not be sold at the door. Leo will be available at the Clubhouse on Monday, March 12 at 3:00 pm for those wishing to reserve a table for their group for this event. Music will be provided by Ric Standard, who performs at Clawdaddy's. This event will be held in place of the March Pot Luck.

Annual CRV Yard Sale

The date of the CRV Yard Sale has been changed to a week earlier. It will be held on **Saturday, March 24 from 8am to 1 pm**, so save the date. The sale will be held at the Crystal River First Presbyterian Church, located on 8th Avenue across the street from our CRV front gate.

Donations are always needed. As you clean out your closets and sheds, think of the HOA and donate your used but still usable items. If you have things to donate and can hold onto them until the week of the sale, that would be best. If you need larger items moved before then, please contact a member of the Board for assistance.

Volunteers are needed to help transport items to the Yard Sale site, to tend the tables, and to direct shoppers to the sale. This event is a lot of work, but is also a lot of fun. Come assist, or come shop, there are always lots of great bargains. You may also rent a table and sell your own items. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Carole Nye Polisson (#313) 795-1070.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

March Birthdays

| | | | | | |
|----|--------------------|-------|----|--------------------|-------|
| 1 | Dot Maloney Binney | (410) | 19 | Patty Ferro | (339) |
| 1 | Demas Brubacher | (295) | 19 | Christine Peterson | (329) |
| 1 | Bonnie Hubbard | (283) | 23 | Wanda Kolb | (402) |
| 1 | 'J' Lee | (356) | 25 | Bill Blaylock | (005) |
| 1 | Margaret Stevens | (496) | 26 | Elwood Bailey | (300) |
| 2 | Bob Taylor | (331) | 28 | Joan Reed | (528) |
| 8 | Karen Craven | (451) | 29 | Bill Cate | (319) |
| 14 | Lorraine Wood | (390) | 31 | David Fox | (302) |
| 15 | Bill Bryan | (306) | 31 | Tiny Gosdeck | (439) |
| 17 | Ruth Slaton | (438) | | | |

March Anniversaries

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|----|---------------------------|-------|
| 7 | Richard & Trudy Wood | (523) |
| 10 | Demas & Ann Brubacher | (295) |
| 12 | Calvin & Hulette Hilton | (530) |
| 14 | Jim & Mary Gavaza | (505) |
| 15 | Lyman & Carole Sornberger | (539) |
| 17 | Bob & Annie 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) |

Health Fair Thank You

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped in any way to make the Health Fair a success this year. We had the biggest attendance we have ever had. The vendors ALL remarked on the space, and convenience of the tables and the hall. The new vendors commented on what a beautiful village we have, as well as how nice the residents are.

LIFESouth collected 20 pints of blood; that may help save the lives of many. This was a positive health educational experience for our residents, a very positive presentation of our village, and a great exposure for our vendors. They all asked to be invited back next year.

I am overwhelmed at the response I received when I asked for assistance, from my husband Randy who was my secretary, to the men who helped with the tables, those who transported the vendors with their golf carts, my wonderful kitchen crew, Susie Lunney for the photographs, and the residents who attended and those who invited guests. Special thanks to those who donated food; the compliments on the food were huge, and to my wonderful kitchen crew who stayed the entire time and offered assistance in serving, booth sitting, clean up, and any way they were needed.

I cannot forget Doug for his assistance with the flags, the gates, and the air conditioning. Lastly, thanks to Management for their co-operation. This proved to be a win, win, win event for all.

THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart.

Marilyn Snell-Brown

Bingo Jackpot Winners

| | | |
|--------|----------------|-------|
| Feb 01 | Dodie Pollard | \$250 |
| Feb 08 | Joan Miller | \$250 |
| Feb 15 | Laura Autovino | \$250 |
| Feb 22 | Deborah Clark | \$125 |
| | Terry Cummings | \$125 |

HOA Home Sweet Home

The winners for March are:

Home Sweet Home Golden Award Lyman & Carole Sornberger #539

The carport added a great new look and the landscaping topped it off. Good work!

Home Sweet Home Silver Award John McMickle & Lorraine Wood #390

You've used a unique way to display your yard. Great job!

HOA Home Sweet Home Committee

Shuffleboard

| | |
|--------|-------------------------------|
| Jan 24 | Mert Brown & Shirley Peterson |
| Jan 31 | Jim Brown & Don Gibeau |
| Feb 07 | Thelma Bachert & Don Gibeau |
| Feb 14 | Mert Brown & Don Gibeau |
| Feb 21 | Don Gibeau & Judy Hood |

My apologies to Shirley Peterson for listing an incorrect name as winner on Jan 24 in last month's newsletter.

February HOA Meeting Summary

The February 7 HOA meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was not represented, so it was an informational meeting only. All Board members were present.

The Secretary reported that notes of the January meeting have been posted to the bulletin board. She read notes from Marilyn Snell Brown and LIFESouth regarding the successful Health Fair. The Treasurer gave the monthly financial report.

Committee reports were given: About 8 bags of aluminum cans were collected; Bingo attendance has greatly increased; Ladies Luncheon and Pot luck will switch weeks due to the Valentines dinner on Feb.14; there was a great turnout to the monthly breakfast, perhaps due to the reminder flyer; and a new singles group will hold its first meeting on Feb.9.

Leo Lumpiesz reported on the recent monthly meeting with Management and on the letter sent by our attorney to the Whitehursts' attorney in January. He read correspondence received from Management, copies of which have been forwarded to our attorney.

Cats roaming in the Park and causing damage to property was a topic of much discussion. Residents should not feed stray cats, and anyone having a problem with cats should call the Office to have traps placed.

Residents asked for the following items to be brought to the next meeting with Management; the burned house at #304 and the rotting fascia boards on the poolside of the Clubhouse.

Leo commented on the low number of members in attendance and asked residents to speak to our neighbors and encourage them to attend meetings.

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

No March Pot Luck

The Pot Luck **will not** be held this month, due to the Irish Dinner being held on that Thursday.

Volunteers are needed to host at Pot Luck. Louise Hosie, our Chairperson, is always there to guide and assist, but doing it all herself is just too much for one person. A couple of people (or more) are needed each month to help move chairs, set out coffee and accessories, place tablecloths, set out silverware, hot pads, and serving tools, collect admission, then help with clean up of the hall. If you enjoy attending Pot Luck, why not offer to host one month every year or two? You may contact Louise (#366) at 795-0830, or sign up with her at the next Pot Luck you attend.

CRV Book Club

The Book Club decided to begin meeting every other Monday at 10:00 am at the Clubhouse Library. It will meet on Monday, February 27, and this month will meet on March 12 and 26. Our new book is *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. For more information contact Joan Helms (#416) 794-6220.

Quote for the month...“Being happy doesn't mean that everything is perfect. It means that you've decided to look beyond the imperfections.”

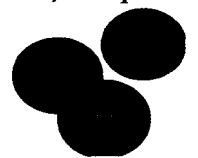
~Aristotle

March Ladies Luncheon

This month's ladies luncheon returns to the fourth **Thursday, March 22** at noon at **Creek Side Grill & Lounge**, located in mid Homosassa across from the entrance to the wildlife park. Your hostesses are Joan Helms (#416) 794-6220 and Marilyn Snell Brown (#179) 585-593-3560. A signup sheet and a sample menu will be posted at the Clubhouse. Remember, if you sign up and find you cannot attend, please contact a hostess so the count can be changed for the restaurant.

CRV Annual Spring Fling "Lost in the 50s"

The Spring Fling is usually the highlight of our winter season, and this year will be no exception. The theme, "Lost in the 50s" will be lots of fun and for most of us, a chance to recall the years of our youth. Save this date, **Saturday, April 21**, and plan to attend this fun annual event. It is chaired by Barbi Nichols, and will include dinner and music. The food will be a typical 50s type meal, with soda fountain treats to follow. DJ Joe Dube, whose music we have enjoyed at our events before, will help to create a 50s atmosphere.



New Singles Group

Our first meeting was attended by fifteen people on February 9, at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. We named our group "*Pioneer Singles.*" We decided to meet once a month on the second **Thursday at 1:30 pm.** We will try to plan at least one outing each month. Examples are Concert in the Park on Feb. 18, and Southern Gospel Concert Feb. 25, events some of our group attended this past month.

Our next meeting will be on **March 8** with a guest speaker. Margaret Savarese, CPA, will talk to us about "Preparing and Filing our 2011 Taxes." Please plan to attend. If you are able to provide snacks, please contact me.

Marsha Gibson (#420) 794-6455

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

~Joseph Fort Newton

Grateful Thanks

We wish to thank everyone who helped in the rescue of our daughter's dog recently when we were dog-sitting. We could not have found her without the eyes of everyone who assisted. It took 2 days to get us out of the "*dog house*" and Zeva (the wayward animal) back in the dog house. Good grandparents should not have a grand dog come up missing. We appreciate you all very much. Thanks again.

Ron & Jan Hunt #367

Special Thanks

Special thanks for all the cards and visits from my friends in CRV following my recent spinal cord surgery. Everything went well; I am all recuperated, and have been given the okay to travel. I will be visiting with my family in the north for the next few weeks. Again, thank you for your support.

Thelma Bachert (*our Bionic Woman*)

CRV & Friends Annual Golf Scramble

The Annual Golf Scramble will be played on Monday, March 19 at Brentwood Farms Golf Club. Contact Bob & Annie Collie (#491) 795-4184 for more information.



FMO News & Information

Profound thanks to all who responded in such a positive way to our 2012 "The Road to Recovery" FMO Membership Campaign. We gained 21 new members as of Valentine's Day; 15 annual and 6 three year memberships, bringing our total to 48 annual and 21 three year memberships. I know from talking with some of you that our numbers will continue to increase throughout our campaign, and I will give you updated information next month. The campaign formally ends on March 31, but please don't let that stop you from encouraging your friends and neighbors to participate as you have. The FMO is the only nonprofit consumer advocacy organization in the State of Florida dedicated to protecting the rights of over 1.2 million manufactured homeowners. The support of every one of us is critical. Thanks again, one and all.

Dennis Lunney, FMO Representative

Pets in CRV

The problems with cats and dogs in our Village continue to come up at HOA meetings and in the monthly meetings with Management. All pets, dogs or cats, are to be on a leash when outside. Do not allow your cat to roam; it will be considered a stray. And, if you are feeding a stray, you are taking on the responsibility of ownership. If anyone is having a problem with cats on their property causing damage, contact the Office, and they will set the cage out to trap it. All captured cats are taken to the Humane Society. If the cat's owner lives in CRV, they could receive a letter of violation from the Office. Three (3) such letters can be cause for asking the owner to leave the Park. Please be respectful of your neighbors and follow the rules concerning pets.

Remember, it is the responsibility of Management, not the HOA, to resolve these issues. The HOA can only pass your complaints along to Management.

New Residents

Two homes have sold recently in our Village. Ann Mullins is a new full time resident in #521. Ann moved here from Knoxville KY. Barbara Atwood has just moved into #177. She comes from Homosassa, and will also be a full time resident. We welcome both Ann and Barbara to our Village.

Is This Calendar Current?

Is the activity or event you attend correctly noted on the calendar on the back page of the Newsletter? It needs to be listed there in order to have the heat or air conditioning properly adjusted to provide a comfortable temperature for gatherings in the Clubhouse. Doug, or someone from the Office, makes adjustments as necessary, based on the calendar posted on the bulletin board. If you find the temperature is uncomfortable, please contact the Office at 795-7161, about the inconvenience.

If the day and time of your activity is not on the calendar or incorrect, please contact Susie Lunney (#433) 794-4115 to have the listing adjusted.

National π Day

(Some information for the Geeks among us)

March 14 is National PI day, the day dedicated to celebrating Pi, the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. The reason Pi is so interesting is because it is a transcendental number, meaning it is infinite. No mathematical operation can be the equal to its approximate 3.14 value. That value is why it is celebrated on March 14 (3.14). Some of the ways it has been celebrated include walking round a circular building, eating round food such as pizza or cake, and of course, eating fruit pies!

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11. Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour (*spring ahead*). We will lose an hour of sleep, but will regain it in the fall (*when we fall back*).

In Memoriam

Our Village lost a long-time resident over the past weekend. Hulette Hilton died at home following a brief illness. Hulette and her husband, Calvin "Chick" have been residents of Crystal River Village in #530 for many years. She was the mother of Carol Hilton (#398) and also part-time residents, Jack (& Peggy) Hilton. We send our sincere sympathy to Chick, Carol, Jack and Peggy and all her other family and friends.

Golf Cart Use on City Streets!

The following is a synopsis of the new Chapter 15, Traffic, Article VI, Operation of Golf Carts on Designated Roads, Ordinance No. 11-0-18 of the City of Crystal River, Florida.

This ordinance was passed on second and final reading by the City Council on January 9, 2012. It is the intent of this Section to authorize and regulate the use of golf carts upon certain designated streets of Crystal River during non-restricted hours by individuals holding a valid current driver's license.

The City will post signs along designated roads and streets where golf cart operation is authorized, advising motorists of possible golf cart traffic, and alerting the public to their use. Several restrictions apply and must be adhered to for safety reasons and to operate within Florida Statutes:



1. Golf carts equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield may be operated without daylight or darkness restrictions.
2. Golf carts **not** so equipped, as stated in 1 above, may only be operated between official sunrise and official sunset.
3. All golf carts operating subject to this ordinance must have efficient brakes, reliable steering, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in both front and rear.
4. Owners of all golf carts operating subject to this ordinance must purchase and maintain liability insurance against personal injury and property damage. The minimum required insurance is the same as for personal use motor vehicles registered in the State of Florida. Proof of insurance must be in possession of drivers during operation at all times.
5. Golf carts may not be operated on any sidewalk within the City of Crystal River.

Violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a non-criminal infraction punishable under FL Statutes, Section 316.212(9). All other City Ordinances pertaining to the use of motor vehicles within the City of Crystal River also apply to this section.

So, residents, it is now official that golf carts will be able to be used in Crystal River. However the city has not yet designated those streets and roads. We hope that will happen soon.



Crystal River Village - March 2012 - Calendar of Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| | | | | 1 8 am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg | 2 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Men's Pool | 3 10:30am - Horseshoes |
| 4 KEY WEST TRIP Meet at Clubhouse 6:30 AM | 5 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool | 6 8am- Men's Breakfast Ladies included 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Meeting | 7 10am -Blood Pressure 10am - Bible Study 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo | 8 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 1:30 - PIONEER SINGLES | 9 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Men's Pool | 10 8-10am -SAT MORN BREAKFAST 10:30am - Horseshoes |
| 11 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins Move Clock Ahead 1 Hour</i> | 12 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 10am - Book Club 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool | 13 8am - Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos | 14 10am - Bible Study 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo | 15 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 5:30 - IRISH DINNER & MUSIC | 16 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Men's Pool | 17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 10:30am - Horseshoes  |
| 18 | 19 9am - Golf Scramble at Brentwood 9 am - Bone Builders 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool | 20 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Board | 21 10am -Blood Pressure 10am - Bible Study 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo | 22 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 12 noon - LADIES LUNCHEON | 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Men's Pool | 24 10:30am - Horseshoes 8-1pm CRV YARD SALE  |
| 25 | 26 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 10am - Book Club 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool | 27 8am - Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos | 28 10am - Bible Study 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo | 29 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg | 30 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Men's Pool | 31 10:30am - Horseshoes |

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