

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

We have had great attendance at our Village events this month. People have enjoyed themselves and stayed through to the end. But we have had some sadness, too. The passing of Bobbie Stahley and Dale Nichols is a great loss to our community. During the years he was Chairman of Bingo, Dale and I would often sit and discuss issues in our Village. He was a welcome mentor to me. Bobbie had a long history in our Village and was a wealth of knowledge for me and the Board. I will miss both of them.

Over the past week or two, many residents have called or stopped by to ask about the renaming of our streets. I will discuss the beginning of this issue. For more than a decade, residents have had a problem with emergency vehicles locating their homes. Originally, guards at the front entrance directed emergency vehicles to where they were needed. When the guards were replaced with gates, there was no longer anyone to give directions. Since I have been on the Board, I recall numerous times each year that this concern has been raised at HOA meetings.

When the Rent Committee was preparing for Mediation, residents again expressed concerns about emergency vehicles getting lost in the Village, along with other issues like lack of maintenance, safety issues, and reduction in amenities. These items were taken under advisement by the Committee. The last HOA meeting before Mediation, the Association voted approval for the Rent Committee to act on our behalf.

The street name change and all other issues were not kept secret. After the Mediation, the contract was reported at the following HOA meeting. When the Owners tried to back out of their contract, the Rent Committee was again given authority to act on residents' behalf and the street name change was mentioned again. At the December 2010 Mediation, the legal contract was upheld and, at that point, time lines for completion of items in the contract were established, which included a date of December 2011 for completion of renaming of the streets. The Owners have not met that contract requirement.

Recent communications from the Office are simply a ploy to upset residents and divide our Village. They have no bearing on the street renaming issue. Over the years, emergency vehicles, from EMS, to Police, to the Sheriff, have all said the only way to solve the problem of getting to residents promptly is to have legal street names. Other manufactured home parks have addresses. Why shouldn't we?

Even though it may be an inconvenience, we need to do this, and do it correctly to protect CRV residents, now and in the future.

Carl Preston (#340) 795-6458

CRV Annual Spring Fling ~ "Lost in the '50s"

The theme of the Spring Fling is "Lost in the '50s", 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 includes dinner, music and door prizes.



5-6:00 pm: Social Hour & Appetizers

6-7:00 pm: '50s-type Dinner

7-10:00 pm: Music with DJ Joe Dube

The dinner will be a typical '50s type meal of meatloaf & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, and rolls, with Coke and root beer floats to follow. The music by DJ Joe will help create a '50s atmosphere. BYOB, set-ups will be provided.

Tickets are \$12 per person, and are available from Shelly Lumpiesz (#338) 231-676-1526, Trudy Wood (#523) 563-2612, Gloria Dakcr (#324) 563-2150, Linda Shott (#504) 220-6060, Sue Dost (#399) 727-255-9255, Joan Helms (#416) 794-6220 and Susie Lunney (#433) 794-4115. The last date of ticket sales is April 13 to allow time to order supplies. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

April Birthdays

1 Doris Perez (157)	18 Carole Frank (317)
2 Ann Gosdeck (439)	18 Charles Frazier (534)
3 Rich Craven (451)	19 Roberta Andrews (404)
3 Andrew Freund (170)	19 Ron Kerschner (337)
4 John Clark (508)	19 Dolores Zimmerman (501)
4 Mal Hood (178)	21 MaryAnn Devlin (392)
5 John Pollard (379)	23 Carl Preston (340)
8 Bob Collie (491)	25 Don Hudson (324)
8 Michele Gigante (376)	26 Bob Cate (160)
9 Paula Blaylock (005)	26 Terry Cummings (533)
13 Art 'Skip' Brinkman (522)	26 Ann Talamo (322)
13 Joanne Eastman (423)	28 Marilyn Chisholm (320)
15 Trudy Wood (523)	29 Virginia Mahnke (414)
16 Linda Moore (173)	29 John McMickle (390)
17 Lee Praytor (176)	

April Anniversaries

3 Leo & Shelly Lumpiesz (338)
10 Bob & MaryLou Benedict (174)
10 Jack & Peggy Hilton (420)
17 Chip & Marilyn Huckins (169)
17 Hank & Dottie Matteson (443)
21 Art & MaryAnn Devlin (392)
22 Oliver & Dorothy Simon (364)
24 Cliff & Terry Cummings (533)

Quote for the month:

"Happiness is not the absence of problems but the ability to deal with them."
~Buddha

Bingo Fun

First, Bingo needs some HELP. We are down to only two year-round callers and will be losing our snowbird caller soon, so we are looking for two or three people. You will only call once a month, sometimes a second time if we need a fill-in for someone who is absent. Training is easy. If you would like to join in the fun and see how excited people can get when you call *'their'* winning number, please contact me.

Second, since our snowbirds will be leaving soon, on behalf of all our Bingo attendees, we want to thank those jackpot winners who have kept the CRV Bingo tradition alive and brought our intermission desserts the following week. They are always much appreciated and quickly devoured. Everything from donuts to *homemade* (yum) cookies, brownies, Texas sheet cakes, and cheesecakes may show up on any Bingo night.

A lot of fun, a chance to win, and good food; what more could you ask for? See y'all at Bingo!

Bob Hrabec, Chairman (#437) 919-417-3297

Francis Borger

Our good friend Francis Borger (#004) has had some health issues recently and is temporarily a resident at Cypress Cove Rehab to regain his strength. Francis will be at the Cove for several weeks and would love to have his friends in Crystal River Village stop by for brief visits.

Bingo Jackpot Winners

Feb 29	Maureen Price	\$250
Mar 07	Terry Cummings	\$125
	Shirley Smith	\$125
Mar 14	Joe Barry	\$125
	Lois King	\$125
Mar 21	Bill Cate	\$178

HOA Home Sweet Home

The winners for March are:

Home Sweet Home Golden Award

Jerry & Joan Helms #416

Spring has sprung at the Helms place.

Great look, Joan and Jerry!

Home Sweet Home Silver Award

Lee & Mary Stiles #386

The charming outside is as pleasant as the people inside. Thanks, Lee and Mary!

~HOA Home Sweet Home Committee

Shuffleboard

Feb 28	Don Gibeau & John Moore
Mar 06	Mal Hood & Shirley Peterson
Mar 13	Judy Hood & Bud Shott
Mar 20	Mert Brown & Bernice Nehring

March HOA Meeting Summary

The March 6 HOA meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, then a moment of silence in memory of the recent passing of two residents, Hulette Hilton and Marjorie Tischer. A quorum was not represented, so it was an informational meeting only. All Board members were present.

The normal agenda was adjusted to allow Leo Lumpiesz to give the Rent Committee report first. Leo reported that we have a court date on April 18, 2012 and we will be asking the judge for enforcement of all items in the Mediation Contract and for reimbursement of all our attorney fees.

The Secretary reported that notes of the February meeting have been posted to the bulletin board. The Treasurer reported on income and expenses for February.

Committee reports were given. Bingo needs callers and tellers (people who check you in). The Book Club has decided to meet Mondays at 10 am every other week. Bible study meets every Wednesday at 10:00 am. President Carl asked if there is any interest in another Bible Study, possibly in the evening, but there was no interest from those present. 'CRV on the Move' was thanked for planning the Key West trip which was such a success. A change in activities was reported; Poker now meets on both Monday and Friday at 6:30 pm, and Men's Pool is played on Thursdays at 7 pm. Wii Bowling is winding down but, if there is enough interest, a summer session may be planned. Shuffleboard courts are still not good, but better than they were.

A reminder of upcoming events was given, the Irish dinner on March 15 and the Yard Sale on March 24.

A resident reported that her trailer in the storage area had been broken into and an item stolen. She suggested all who make use of the storage area check their stored items frequently.

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

Successful Special March Events

The month started off with a bang, as 41 residents and friends enjoyed a break from their usual routine and took a 3 day trip to Key West. About everyone who went came back tired, but with smiling faces, and stories of the fun and fellowship they shared.

The Irish Dinner & Music had a record-breaking attendance, with all enjoying the traditional Irish meal prepared by Chef Leo Lumpiesz and his crew.

The CRV Annual Golf Scramble at Brentwood was played on a beautiful FL day, and was another success. See the results elsewhere in the newsletter.

And finally, near the end of the month, the annual CRV Yard Sale gave residents a chance to clear out unwanted items, have some fun, and find some great bargains. It was a successful event, too.

It was a good month from beginning to end!

CRV Book Club

The next selection the Book Club will be reading is *Thurston House* by Danielle Steel. It is one of this author's earlier books and rather different from her usual writing, as it is an historic novel. The Club meets every other Monday at 10:00 am, this month on April 9th and 23rd. All are welcome to join us. For more information contact Joan Helms (#416) 794-6220.

April Ladies Luncheon

This month's ladies luncheon is on **Thursday, April 26** at the Riverside Crab House in Homosassa and includes a pre-lunch cruise on the Homosassa River. The cost is **\$24.75 per person**, which covers the cruise, lunch, tax and tip. We have a limited menu, your choice of French Dip, Chicken Caesar Salad, or Catch of the Day Sandwich. All drinks, desserts, and appetizers are extra. Please come to the office first, directly across from the restaurant, to pay for your luncheon and cruise. You will receive a ticket which you must retain to board the boat and use again to show you have paid for lunch. Please arrive by **NOON**, the boat leaves from the marina (in the gift shop) about **12:30 pm**. Bring a drink and perhaps a snack, as we won't be eating lunch until around 2:00 pm. We will return to the restaurant about 1:45 pm and will be in the Pirate Room on the 1st floor. Those who wish to join us for lunch only should be there about that time. There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse as usual. Indicate if you will want cruise and lunch, or just lunch. Your hostesses are Caryl Kershner, 337 795-5287 and Mary Gavaza, 505 228-3885. You may contact them for more information. Be considerate and sign up only if you really intend to be there. If you have a last minute cancellation, **please call us**. OR if you decide to attend at the last minute, **you must call us**.

CRV & Friends Annual Golf Scramble

The Annual CRV & Friends Golf Scramble was held on Monday, March 19 at Brentwood Farms Golf Club. The results were as follows:

1st Place Team:

Malcolm Hollop Al Hackett
Jerry Walker Gary St. Onge

2nd Place Team:

Don McFarlan Mike Hribena
Bev McFarlan Stan Vogt

3rd Place Team (7 under par):

Jim Keifer John D'Elia
Bob Lewis Fred Hume

Closest to the Pin:

#2 Hole: Annie Collie
#4 Hole: Jim Keifer
#11 Hole: Jenny Diaz
#13 Hole: David Martin

Longest Drive:

Ladies: Jenny Diaz Men: Jim Keifer

Closest to the Line:

Ladies: Annie Collie Men: Verne Quigley

Bob & Annie Collie did a super job organizing the Scramble again, this year with a shotgun start. After the tournament hamburgers, hot dogs, beans and salads were served to golfers and guests at our Clubhouse where the winners were announced and prizes awarded.

Pioneer Singles

Our March meeting had 15 in attendance to hear our guest speaker, Margaret Savarese, CPA, give tips on filing our 2011 taxes.

Many of our group participated in several outings in March - a Concert in the Park with a trip to an ice cream parlor, the Floral City Strawberry Festival, Lunch in Inverness, and a kayak trip down the Rainbow River. Plan to attend our next meeting on April 12, 2012 at 1:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Marilyn Plissey, a registered dietician, who will give us tips on "Cooking for One."

Marsha Gibson (#420) 794-6455

Happy Easter

April 8, 2012

Many Thanks

Grateful thanks to my neighbors and friends who came to the rescue recently when I took a bad fall at my home. I tripped off the steps at my front door and landed face down on the cement patio. An ambulance trip to the hospital, and tests assured me that I was fortunate to not suffer any permanent injuries, just some dreadful bruises on my face and elsewhere. Many thanks to those who assisted, and helped with the care of Bear during my absence.

Faye Cartner (#442)

Editor's note: This incident highlights two things about living in Crystal River Village. First, we have a wonderful caring community of people who step in and assist when needed.

Second, it shows the need for changing street addresses so emergency providers can reach us in a timely manner. A neighbor of Faye's had to drive to the front gate to lead the EMS vehicle to her.

I know the arguments that GPS or a map can solve the problem. GPS can only get you to the front or rear gate, you still have to figure out a numbering that makes no sense. As to providing CRV maps for the EMS, that has been tried, but the turnover in rescue personnel is too great for that to be a viable solution. Even the Emergency Medical Service and Sheriff's office have said it is a difficult situation when services are needed immediately.

Special Olympian Jeff Mohr

Jeff Mohr (#494) attended the Special Olympics area games in St. Petersburg on March 10, 2012 representing Citrus County. Jeff won first place in shot-put and fourth place in the 100 meter dash.

Before moving to Crystal River from Dallas TX, Jeff was very active in many sports, including golf, tennis, equestrian, swimming and bocce ball. He is now involved with the Key Center and enjoys volunteering at Nature Coast Ministries.

Congratulations, Jeff, on the great job you did at Special Olympics.

New CRV Residents

John and Linda Pfister are in the process of purchasing unit #164 which is near Bob & Fran Cardinal and Barbara Marion. They are from New York and will be part time residents. We welcome them to our community.

In Memoriam

March was a sad month in our Village with the passing of four residents.

Bobbie Stahley (#421) passed away on March 11. She and her husband Bob, who predeceased her in 2008, were both navy veterans and lived in CRV for over 20 years. Bobbie served on our HOA Board for several years and had recently relocated to Ohio to be nearer her sons and their families.

Serena McCammon (#397) passed on March 15. She and her companion, Robert Davis, have lived in our Village for about 2 years.

Dale Nichols (#349) left us on March 20. Dale and his wife, Barbi, have had a home in CRV for over 7 years. Dale served our Village in many capacities over the years, offering the benefit of his business knowledge and experience.

Stella Fuks (#302) passed away on March 26. Stella and her son, David Fox, have resided in the Village for over 23 years. They moved to CRV just after it opened. Most recently Stella had been in Cypress Cove.

We send our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of Bobbie, Serena, Dale and Stella.

Grateful Thanks for Your Support

I am very grateful for all my friends in Crystal River Village who have helped in so many ways. The past six weeks have been a difficult, stressful time during Dale's illness and passing. From delicious and abundant food, to transportation for me and our family members, numerous cards, and loving and caring shoulders to lean on, you have provided support in, oh, so many ways.

It has meant so much to me and I thank you with all my heart. Dale is also looking down and thanking you, too.

Fondly, Barbi Nichols

Concern from Office

A reminder to all residents, with spring and Easter breaks and summer grandchildren visits coming up, children **may not** drive golf carts in CRV. Also, the speed limit is 15 mph, and that applies to both cars and **carts**. Some carts are speeding through, coming up behind seniors out walking or riding bicycles. They may not hear your cart approach. Be cautious and obey the speed limit, for their safety and yours.

FMO News & Information

The article in the January 2012 CRV HOA Newsletter under this same heading saluted your enthusiastic response to this year's FMO Membership Campaign, "The Road to Recovery" and informed you that almost 1 of every 4 residents were already members of the FMO. As near as I can figure, we have about 200 residents who live here at some time of the year, and we have 159 CRV HOA voting members. As of December 14, 2011, we had 33 annual FMO members and 15 multiple year members. And now as of March 19, 2012, we have 51 annual FMO members and 22 multiple year members, a remarkable increase of 18 annual and 7 multiple year members for a total increase of 25 members this year. This equates to 1 out of every 2.74 residents and 1 out of 2.18 HOA members supporting the FMO, the only nonprofit consumer advocacy organization dedicated to protecting our rights in Tallahassee. There is strength in numbers, and inviting your neighbors to join us in helping the FMO help us can only strengthen our cause in the legislature. Thank you one and all who support the cause!

Dennis Lunney, FMO Representative



Water Restrictions

The Southwest FL Water Management District (SWFWMD) recently announced Citrus County is now under Modified Phase III water shortage restrictions. These restrictions will be in effect until June 30, 2012, when the district will assess the restrictions. Unlike many other regions which have stored water, like in reservoirs, our county and 4 others in this area rely almost totally on the aquifer. Lois Sorensen, a representative from SWFWMD, said, "Groundwater levels have been critically below normal for more than 12 weeks now, and river and lake levels are so low that some boat ramps have been closed. Everyone needs to do their part."

Lawn watering and car washing are limited to once per week on your designated watering day for your location. Hand watering of plants (not lawns) is allowed any day but only before 8 am or after 6 pm. CRV's designated watering day is Monday since our address ends in a "1" (1601 SE 8th).

Local enforcement agencies have the power to immediately issue citations instead of warnings for first offenses.

Crystal River Village - April 2012 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PALM SUNDAY 	2 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm Women's Pool	3 8am- Men's Breakfast Ladies included 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Meeting	4 10am - Bible Study 10am -Blood Pressure 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo	5 8 am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Men's Pool	6 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Poker	7 10:30am - Horseshoes
8 EASTER 	9 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 10am - Book Club 7pm - Poker 7pm Women's Pool	10 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 5:30pm - SPAGHETTI DINNER	11 10am - Bible Study 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo	12 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 1:30 - Pioneer Singles 7pm - Men's Pool	13 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Poker	14 8-10am - SAT MORN BREAKFAST 10:30am - Horseshoes
15	16 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm Women's Pool	17 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Board	18 10am - Bible Study 10am -Blood Pressure 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo	19 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 6pm - POT LUCK 7pm - Men's Pool	20 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Poker	21 10:30am - Horseshoes 5-10 pm - SPRING FLING 'LOST IN THE '50s'
22	23 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 10am - Book Club 7pm - Poker 7pm Women's Pool	24 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	25 10am - Bible Study 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo	26 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 12 noon - LADIES LUNCHEON 7pm - Men's Pool	27 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Poker	28 10:30am - Horseshoes
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