

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

Some residents have expressed concern that our HOA Board has not been trying to work with the Office. A good example of our cooperating with Management is our jointly agreeing to obtain a cage to humanely trap problem animals in the Village. This cage is available to residents who have had a stray cat or armadillo become a nuisance. The Citrus County Humane Society will come get a caged animal, take it to their facility, and return our cage at no cost to residents. Your HOA does not participate in the disposition of the animals.

Several months ago Management was concerned at not having up-to-date phone numbers for residents. The HOA Board provided them with a current list of those numbers. This is another example of our willingness to cooperate. Since then Management has agreed to furnish this phone directory at no cost to residents who do not have a computer.

As required by Managements' recent letter to all residents, Delnora did not attend our last HOA Board Meeting. Issues needing to be addressed with Management were noted at that meeting. The following morning five members of the Board went to the office to meet with Delnora, because we all feel communication with Management is vital to the welfare and viability of our Village. We were received pleasantly and had good conversation concerning a number of issues. These were presented to Don Whitehurst later that day. A number of those issues have since been addressed, i.e. the phone directory.

Shortly after we all received last month's letter from Management, I received a call from Michael Whitehurst requesting a meeting with our Board. The issue of not having a Clubhouse telephone was something he could and would take care of in a matter of days. Thank you, Michael, for your prompt attention to this serious health and safety issue, and especially at a time when tension was high between Management and residents. That new Clubhouse number is 794-3833. Thanks also to Michael for recently providing hot dogs and fixings to the Shuffleboard Group, and to Doug for preparing them.

Last month I was invited to tour the Citrus County Family Resource Center. This is the organization that has been receiving the donated food items collected in totes at our Clubhouse. They serve many, many needy residents in our County, including the homeless. They said they would be delighted to receive any leftover food items from our social gatherings. This past week they gratefully received the remains from our Memorial Day Lunch. I am so pleased we now have a worthwhile resource to take our leftovers instead of having to throw them out.

Have a wonderful month as we celebrate Father's Day and welcome the return of Summer.

~Carl Preston (#340) 795-6458

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Memorial Day Events a Success

The weather was beautiful for our 4th Annual Memorial Day Services. At 10:00 am about 70 people gathered at the flagpole and were welcomed by Demas Brubacher, Chair for the event. Following traditional etiquette, the flag was raised then lowered to half staff by Veterans Richard Wood and Hank Matteson, assisted by Carl Preston. (The flag was raised back to full staff at noon.) Bob Hrabec and Susie Lunney led those assembled in singing *God Bless America*. Maureen McNiff, Vice Mayor of Crystal River was introduced and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Dennis Lunney reading the poem, *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae. Demas gave a benediction then invited everyone to the Clubhouse to continue the ceremonies.

Each of the 14 residents who have passed away since last year were remembered by the presentation of flowers, tolling of a bell, and a moment of silence. Bob and Susie sang *Amazing Grace*, then Demas offered a blessing. A delightful luncheon of pasta salad, tuna salad, burgers and hot dogs, prepared by Don Hudson, was enjoyed by all, followed by delicious cake. Many thanks to Demas and Anne Brubacher and all who assisted them.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

June Birthdays

1	Lew Clark	(448)
2	Margie Jordan	(177)
3	Jan Hunt	(367)
3	John Moore	(173)
7	Gerald Phillips	(430)
10	Leo Lumpiesz	(338)
10	Vernon Moore	(538)
11	Lynn Krueger	(506)
13	Bob Cross	(375)
15	Lynn Preston	(340)
18	Stan Zipperer	(310)
20	Bob O'Brien	(502)

21	Blanche Dooley	(429)
21	Ray Pelletier	(180)
22	Kellee Clark	(448)
23	Don Buschbascher	(497)
25	Marie Cross	(375)
25	Hazel Buschbascher	(497)
25	Dottie Matteson	(443)
26	Barbara Harner	(527)
27	Les Davis	(407)
28	Marguerite Betzer	(441)
30	Bob Johnson	(396)
30	Sue Newell	(369)

June Anniversaries

3	Jim & Dolores Harrison	(336)
8	Butch & Sharon Shull	(434)
8	John & Shirley Clark	(508)
11	Bob & Gloria Cate	(160)
16	Peter & Shirley Durante	(518)
17	Tom & Joyce Douglas	(510)
23	Bob & Pat LaManna	(405)
25	Harry & Marilyn Chisholm	(320)
28	Vernon & Betty Steffens	(159)

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

The Citrus Playbill by Gary Ammerman

The Nature Coast Performers, Inc. are preparing for their first production in Citrus County with "DelVal Divas." It will be presented the last two weekends in August at the West Citrus Community Center.

The next production at **The Art Center of Citrus County** will be the well-known musical of "Guys and Dolls." It will open on July 10 and run through July 26, 2009.

Be sure to support Citrus County's Fine Arts!

CRV Fishing Report

For anyone looking for a lot of just plain old fishing enjoyment, you can hardly beat the way Don Hudson (# 324) does it. He says that you can fish at the Crystal River Archaeological Site, a short drive west of Hwy. 19, for a \$ 2.00 parking fee. Don is catching a variety of fish there on the bank of the Crystal River. He uses live shrimp for bait, heavy duty 6 foot rod/reel, 40 lb. braided line, 50 lb. barrel snap swivel and a 40 lb. wire leader with a 1 oz. or larger egg sinker tied above the barrel snap. Don's choice of hooks are a smaller straight shank for snapper and a larger circle hook for the bigger fish. Thanks for sharing, Don. Anyone that would like to go fishing with me, please give me a call or stop by.

Ollie Simon Lot #364 Phone 220-6068

New Clubhouse Telephone

The new number for our Clubhouse is **794-3833**.

Pot Luck Concern & CRV Breakfast

I suggest that foods containing shellfish, peanuts, and other items people may be allergic to be placed on a separate table at Pot Luck dinners. I stopped going to the monthly Pot Luck because someone accidentally moved a fork from shellfish to another dish, and I had a severe reaction. My throat closed up. I took a Benedryl and thankfully it worked. But sometimes it won't work, and a person could die from a reaction. Allergies can be killers.

On a different subject, thank you to all volunteers involved in the Saturday Breakfasts. It is the best buy in town for four dollars. The food is delicious, the service is great; no waiting and friendly smiles. You all do a great job. Thanks again, Pat LaManna

Editorial Note: Pot Luck Organizers have tried to address food allergy issues before. They try to provide a list of ingredients in dishes. Perhaps placing those items known to cause a problem in a separate area is a solution to prevent contamination of serving utensils. Another idea is to use your own fork/spoon to serve yourself, not the common utensil. Also, you can bring a dish to share that you know you can eat, and either serve yourself before placing it on the buffet table or come up first to be served.

Shuffleboard Winners

Apr. 28	Thelma Bachert & Ralph Falgiano
May 5	Judy Hood & Ken Schedel
May 12	Margie Jordan & Woody Wood
May 19	Cancelled - Rained out

May HOA Meeting Summary

All Board members were present for the May 5 Association meeting, but we did not have a quorum. A mike was set up for members to express their concerns. After more than a half hour of lively discussion including concerns about letters, stray cat removal, and the Clubhouse phone, the Board went into Executive Session, while the floor listened. The Secretary and Treasurer Reports were read and accepted by the Board. They discussed several issues including upcoming events and the emergency lights in the Clubhouse not working. At the end of their session, President Carl opened the floor again for any additional comments.

A resident couple expressed concern that they went most of a recent weekend without power because they could not reach Delnora. Progress Energy requires approval from Management before doing work or making repairs since residents do not own the meters. The afterhours cell number given to residents last fall is of no use in an emergency situation, because it is either not kept turned on or not answered, and there is no voice mail.

Residents are also concerned that the Owners of our Park only hear what Delnora chooses to share with them. All on the Board pointed out that she is frequently thanked at the HOA Board meetings she attends, but that information apparently does not get back to the Owners.

Trudy Wood expressed concern about the drop slot at the Office. Recently when she was putting something in, she noted several envelopes and checks had blown outside. Please be careful and make sure your item drops all the way into the slot when dropping off important items like rent checks. A better way might be to wait until the Office is open and take it in personally.

No Quilting - Card Games - Crafts

The Monday Quilting Class, Thursday night Card Games, and Friday Crafts will not meet over the summer months. Quilting and Games will resume in September; Crafts in October. For more information contact Connie Long, 228-9328 for Quilting, Mal & Judy Hood, 795-1971 for Card Games, and Chris Peterson, 220-6758 for Crafts.

Bingo Jackpot Winners

Apr. 29	Bill Cate	\$168
May 6	Lorraine Fricke	\$201
May 13	Caryl Kershner	\$176
May 20	Trudy Wood	\$153

Speaker at May Pot Luck

Mr. Ron Miller, President of the Citrus County Audubon Society, gave a very interesting and informative presentation on the endangered Whooping Crane. Mr. Miller, a retired engineer from Lockheed Martin, says he just seemed to migrate from one type of flight to another. His talk included slides and a short film clip of the attempts of many agencies in the US and Canada to increase the population of the Whooping Crane. Back in 1940, it was determined there were only 16 of these beautiful birds left in the world. The count today is approximately 500, and all these are offspring of the group of 16.

Did you know that migration is a learned response? Members of these organizations actually train the Whooping Cranes raised in captivity to follow ultra-light planes almost 1200 miles from the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge in WI, to our own Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge. The first of these migrations began in October 2001 with ten Whooping Cranes. This trip following the ultra-lights takes these dedicated naturalists about 90 days, flying at 1,000 feet. Once trained, the birds then instinctively know their way back, and natural migration begins. On their own, the birds fly higher and catch the natural wind currents. Their trip back to Wisconsin may only take 4-5 days.

Sandhill Cranes, a slightly smaller gray species, were used to set up the migration program. In comparison, they number over 500,000. Sandhill Cranes are the birds we often hear flying over CRV with their loud squawk. Many of us have even seen two or three of them walking in our park recently!

More information about the Whooping Crane may be found on many web sites, including the International Crane Foundation www.savingcranes.org, Operation Migration www.operationmigration.org, and the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership www.bringbackthecranes.org.

Submitted by Kay Hrabec

Crystal River Village - June 2009 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker	2 8am- Men's Breakfast Ladies included 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Meeting	3 10am -Blood Pressure 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	4 8am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg	5 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	6 10:30am - Horseshoes
7	8 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker	9 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	10 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	11 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg	12 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	13 8-10am - SAT MORN BREAKFAST 10:30am - Horseshoes
14	15 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker	16 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Board	17 10am -Blood Pressure 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	18 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg 6pm - POT LUCK	19 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	20 10:30am - Horseshoes
21 <i>Father's Day 1st day of Summer</i>	22 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker	23 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	24 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	25 9:30am - Painting Grp 12 noon - LADIES LUNCHEON 1pm - Mah-jongg	26 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	27 10:30am - Horseshoes
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