

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

Last week I spoke with the President of Walden Woods HOA. He anticipates a rent increase of only \$7 or so for their residents in the coming year. This, on top of an average 9% rent decrease this past year, is good news for their residents. I will discuss this topic with other area Association leaders when we meet later in the month. I hope in these difficult economic times, that some consideration is given to the fact that many of our residents are on fixed incomes and facing increases in Crystal River utility bills. The Board and Rent Committee will be watching the Consumer Price Index (CPI) closely. Crystal River Village presently pays the 2nd highest rent in Citrus County behind Forest View when utilities are factored in. Stonebrook and Walden Woods are in 3rd and 4th place.

Safety and security is always a concern in our Village. Please lock your doors, and don't leave items out that can be easily removed. We don't want to be seen as easy marks. And a reminder, do not give your gate number out to anyone, especially trades people. It's for the security of us all.

It's time to begin planning ahead for Upcoming CRV HOA Events. Our Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 31 this year. *Stardust*, the band we so enjoyed last year has been retained again. Veteran's Day will be observed on Wednesday, November 11 at the 11th hour at the Clubhouse. CRV Veterans will also be honored with a free meal at the Saturday Breakfast on November 14. Ruth Slaton, one of the co-chairs of last year's Thanksgiving Dinner, has agreed to chair that event again this year. Thank you Ruth. The Christmas Party will be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, December 12. For New Year's Eve we learned of a DJ who is available so the Board has already booked him for our party. And finally, a Health Fair has been planned to provide us with information for good health in the coming year. The Fair is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the Clubhouse. Mark your calendar so you don't miss these special events.

~Carl Preston (#340) 795-6458

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In Memory of Our Swans

In mid-August Dolly, one of our swans, was accidentally killed in the early morning hours. Both swans had become very comfortable moving back and forth between the ponds, and she stepped into the path of a moving vehicle. Thanks to the generosity of all those who promptly donated funds to obtain another swan. A new one-year-old swan was acquired and arrived Monday, August 24. She adjusted readily to her surroundings and ventured boldly into both ponds with Polly. Sadly, she was severely injured in an encounter with an alligator the morning after her arrival. She was taken immediately to an area veterinarian but did not survive her injuries. It was an unfortunate act of nature, but losing two swans so quickly has been devastating to our Village. We need now to pause and reflect. Our grateful thanks to Suncoast Animal Clinic who did not charge for their services.

Drive With Caution

This is a good time to remind everyone just how important it is to drive cautiously, not only when passing by the ponds with our remaining swan Polly, but anywhere in our Village. Several residents were out walking with their pets in the early morning light at the time of the accident. It could have been one of them!

Women's Pool

Several of the ladies in our Village expressed an interest in trying pool and have organized a group. They meet every Monday night at 7pm in the Pool Room at the Clubhouse. Any woman in CRV is welcome to join in the fun. For more information, contact Lorraine Fricke (#380) 795-2802 or just stop by on Monday evening.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

September Birthdays

2	Gino Corradina	(536)
4	Arthur Norton	(373)
5	Bent Hansen	(006)
5	Chet Zinkiewicz	(526)
7	Blaze Autovino	(378)
7	Lois DeKalb	(450)
9	Beverly Ellis	(446)
13	Hank Matteson	(443)
15	Jan Rymar	(511)
16	Joan Kenney	(449)

18	Linda Dix	(515)
18	Doug Newkirk	(368)
21	Kathy Shriver	(436)
21	Marjorie Tischer	(489)
26	Dennis Bailey	(428)
29	Mie Norton	(373)
30	Thomas Douglas	(510)
30	Barbi Nichols	(358)
30	Al Solenberger	(328)

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

September Anniversaries

4	Wendell & Joan Reed	(528)
11	Carl & Lynn Preston	(340)
12	Alan & Sylvia Solenberger	(328)
13	Don & Nancy Hammer	(390)
13	Dick & Barbara Marion	(165)
16	Lew & Kellee Clark	(448)
20	Jack & Kathy Shriver	(426)
25	Robert & Gloria Jewett	(370)
26	Frank & Jan Rymar	(511)

CRV Fishing Report

Scalloping has slowed down. Remember, the season ends September 10, 2009. With all the rain we have had, all of the local lake boat ramps are now open. Bass fishing is good. I only fished one time this month, but we got 8 Bass. Anyone that would like to go fishing with me, please give me a call or stop by. Ollie Simon (#364) Phone 220-6068

The Citrus Playbill by Gary Ammerman

The Arts Center of Citrus County will open its season with "Deathtrap" by Ira Levin. This thriller with comedic elements deals with a successful writer of Broadway thrillers who is struggling to overcome a 'dry spell'. He receives a script from a student in a seminar he has been conducting, and recognizes it as a potential Broadway hit. So he invites the student over, offers to collaborate with him, and then appears to kill him. The play is being presented through Dramatist Play Service and is being directed by Peter Abrams. The production opens Sept. 18 and runs through Oct. 4, 2009. It is presented Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm and on Sundays, a matinee at 2:00 pm.

Be sure to support Citrus County's Fine Arts!

Request from Office

The Office asks residents to please use dark blue or black ink when making out your rent checks. Lighter color ink does not scan well.

Delnora DeSanta, CRV Office Manager

Shuffleboard Winners

July 28	Thelma Bachert & Don Gibeau
Aug. 4	Lorraine Fricke & Judy Hood
Aug. 11	Judy Hood & Lorraine Fricke
Aug. 18	Lorraine Fricke & Bob Hrabec

Bingo Jackpot Winners

July 29	Gloria Apfel	\$184
Aug. 5	Peggy Johnson	\$77
	MaryAnn Devlin	\$77
Aug. 12	Renee Bailey	\$192
Aug. 19	Lorraine Fricke	\$140

HOA Member News

Dennis & Renee Bailey (#428) are new members in our Association. You may already know them, they are former residents who moved away but returned recently. Dennis is the son of Sonny & Diane Bailey (#300) and also has started calling at Bingo. Welcome back Dennis & Renee.

Richard & Shirley Decker (#520) have recently had a change of phone number. Their new number is 352-601-0926. If there are others in the Village who have had number changes, please let Susie or a member of the Board know, so the directory and emergency contact information can be updated.

Marguerite Betzer, former resident in #441, has moved to Sunflower Springs Assisted Living Community in Homosassa. We wish Marguerite well in her new location.

August HOA Meeting Summary

All Board members were present for the August 4 Association meeting, and a quorum was in attendance. Thanks to all who turned out, 71 units were represented. Harry Rundle reported good turnouts for Saturday breakfasts during the summer. Linda Shott reported five new members have joined the HOA in the past month. Judy Hood reported that Doug will try to repair the Shuffleboard Court. Trudy Wood announced plans for a trip to Hard Rock Casino on November 13. Some residents expressed concern about the recent announcement of a water bill increase and the substandard system in our Village.

New Business: The ongoing legal issues between Ownership and Bud Shott were discussed. Our Legal Counsel feels it is better not to push the issue, even though Bud is not doing anything illegal, as he has been charged. The benefits of having a website were discussed. A new webmaster would need to reformat the present site. Bud & Dale Nichols had researched possible webmasters and shared their results. They and the Board recommended **29th Parallel Design** be hired. The initial fee will be in the \$700-800 range to reformat the website. Then a monthly fee will be charged to maintain it. They will also keep track of the annual fees for maintaining the site. The vote was unanimous to employ 29th Parallel Design. (Note: It is hoped to have the website ready for review soon and back online by early September.)

Player Piano Donation

If you have been in the Clubhouse recently, you may have noticed the addition of a Player Piano beside the fireplace. It was donated to CRV HOA by Mrs. Betty Germaine and her family, who are friends of Bob & Kay Hrabec. Mrs. Germaine resides in Timber Pines in Spring Hill. This piano is a Baldwin Hamilton player, nearly 100 years old and in great condition. Along with the piano, Mrs. Germaine donated over 200 rolls. These are stored in the cabinet nearby. Some are quite old and in poor condition, but many are in excellent shape. New rolls are still available for purchase today.

Upon the recommendation of a local player piano tuner, we let the piano "rest" in its new home for a few weeks, then had it tuned. The player part of the piano needs some mechanical rebuilding, which we hope will be a winter project for a few of us. Some of the hoses and bellows need to be replaced. We do have an "expert" guide to help us whenever we need it. Les, our friend from NC, has already rebuilt a player piano. He has offered to come and help us whenever we need him for the cost of a fishing trip. We think we can handle that.

Submitted by Bob & Kay Hrabec (#437)

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Quote for the Month

Take a music bath once or twice a week for a few seasons, and you will find that it is to the soul what the water bath is to the body.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Many Thanks to the Hrabecs

On behalf of our Association, grateful thanks to Bob and Kay for thinking of our Village when they learned the Player Piano was available. They also covered the cost of professional movers for the piano and for tuning it. We appreciate your generosity. I'm sure it will give our residents a great deal of pleasure. Carl Preston, CRV HOA President

Do You Play the Piano?

We're looking for someone who can play piano to assist with developing a CRV Chorus. You would play for rehearsals and accompany performances as needed. If you are interested, please call Bob Hrabec (#437) at 794-3357.

August Pot Luck

As there was no special program planned for the August Pot Luck, Bob & Kay Hrabec gave a brief introduction to and demonstration of the recently acquired Player Piano. We enjoyed hearing several selections including a version of "YMCA".

Come join the fun at the September Pot Luck. There is always good food and great company.

Crystal River Village - September 2009 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8am- Men's Breakfast Ladies included 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Meeting	2 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	3 8am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg	4 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	5 10:30am - Horseshoes
6	7 Labor Day 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	8 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	9 10am -Blood Pressure 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	10 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Card Games	11 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	12 8-10am - SAT MORN BREAKFAST 10:30am - Horseshoes
13	14 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	15 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Board	16 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	17 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg 6pm - POT LUCK	18 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	19 10:30am - Horseshoes
20	21 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	22 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	23 10am -Blood Pressure 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	24 9:30am - Painting Grp 12 noon - LADIES LUNCHEON 1pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Card Games	25 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	26 10:30am - Horseshoes
27	28 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	29 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	30 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool			

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