

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

CRV HOA Website
www.crystalrivervillagehoa.com

Editor: Susie Lunney ~ 352-794-4115
dslunney@embarqmail.com ~ Lot 433

The President's Message

Trudy Wood and I attended the quarterly meeting of area manufactured home community leaders on September 25 and came away with some very interesting information on area lot rents. In order to spark resale of units in their park, the owners of Walden Woods North and Walden Woods Limited, which are both at full capacity, will decrease their lot rent by \$4 per month for 2010. They also own Walden Woods South which is still being developed. To stimulate sales there, they are offering a monthly reduced rent plan. Each new unit sold will receive \$100 off their monthly rent for the first five (5) years. The owners of Stonebrook have agreed to a plan with their residents where they will receive a \$6 increase each year over the next five (5) years for a total of \$30. Forest View, with the same ownership as Stonebrook, anticipates the same arrangement. Forest View also has only eight (8) vacant lots remaining in their park. Purchasers of new units for those lots will receive free rent for their first three (3) years. These are some of the ways other park owners are working to stimulate sales.

Over the past month numerous people have spoken to me about obtaining another swan. They feel our remaining swan is very lonely. And these are not even the same residents who so generously donated last month. Art Devlin has checked, and a replacement is available. I will accept donations/pledges to obtain a companion swan. If you are interested, please contact me.

We are seeing some welcome progress in our Village. Thank you to Owners and Management. The palm trees have been trimmed and look very nice. The pool heater promised for the third week in September is not in yet, but progress has been made. The concrete pad has been laid and the electricity has been installed. It should be ready soon, hopefully before the cold nights arrive and it is needed. And finally, Progress Energy has been in to mark out the location for a new street light on South Red Street. The improvement in safety will really be appreciated after being promised for several years.

Many thanks to Trudy Wood for agreeing to chair the Halloween Party with assistance from the Board and other volunteers. The Board also chaired the 4th of July Event. The members on the Board are busy enough already. We could really use some others in the Village to assist with organizing some of these special events. We still need Chairpersons for the Christmas Party and New Year's Eve, though the DJ has already been hired. Volunteers are essential to the success of all the activities here in the Village. We need to appreciate and support those who do volunteer; from the ones who occasionally chair events, to those faithful ones who serve week after week, making breakfast, helping with bingo, preparing this newsletter...I could go on and on; it would take up another page. Remember to thank those who do volunteer, lead, and chair, and please consider joining them.

~Carl Preston (#340) 795-6458

* * * * *

Halloween Party on 24th

The date for the CRV Halloween Party was incorrect in last month's newsletter. It will be held on Saturday, **October 24**, from 5:00-10:00 pm. The evening will begin with a costume parade around the hall to allow the judges a good look at the assembled guys and ghouls. Following the judging the meal will be served. There will be a choice of lasagna with meat sauce or baked ziti, along with tossed salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Plan to attend as this is usually one of our best parties



of the year. Come and enjoy the fun, whether you are in costume or not. After the meal we will dance to the music of *Stardust*, the same band we enjoyed last year. Prizes for costumes and door prizes will be awarded during the evening. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board for you to indicate how you can assist Trudy Wood, Chairperson of this fun event. Also, if you plan to attend please sign up by October 17 so the right amount of food can be planned. Tickets are available from HOA Board members. Ticket price is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members and guests to help cover the cost of the food and music.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

October Birthdays

2	Diane Bailey	(300)
2	Ann Kinderdine	(303)
3	Paul Haberlein	(376)
3	Betty Holcombe	(453)
4	Dolores 'Dodie' Pollard	(379)
5	Rosemarie VanDuzer	(345)
5	Kaye M. Prestidge	(393)
7	Shirley Peterson	(158)
9	Carole Nye Polisson	(313)
11	Peter Durante	(518)

11	Bob LaManna	(405)
12	Linda Shott	(504)
14	Shirley Clark	(508)
17	Lucille Keitel	(293)
19	Barbara DeRemer	(002)
22	Frank Rymar	(511)
24	Suzanne Dost	(399)
24	Chick Hilton	(530)
31	Frank Hanson	(519)
31	David Martin	(359)

October Anniversaries

3	Bob & Rosemarie VanDuzer	(345)
4	John & Dolores Pollard	(379)
5	Don & Joan Whippie	(323)
7	Alan & Barbara DeRemer	(002)
8	Nick Polisson & Carole Nye	(313)
12	Richard & Shirley Decker	(520)
12	Ed & Rose Peckham	(447)
17	Harry & Barbara Rundle	(332)
25	Lee & Mary Stiles	(386)
28	Donal & Margaret Strother	(308)

The Citrus Playbill by Gary Ammerman

The Nature Coast Performers, Inc. will be presenting *"The Belle of Amherst"* by William Luce. This engaging play portraying the life of Emily Dickinson through her own words and poetry is being presented at West Citrus Community Center, 8940 Veterans Drive in Homosassa on October 16, 17, 18, and 23, 24 and 25. Friday and Saturday shows start at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30. Tickets are \$12 at the door and \$10 in advance. Call 527-9061 to reserve tickets.

The Arts Center of Citrus County opened its season with *"Deathtrap"* by Ira Levin, a thriller with comedic elements. The play, directed by Peter Abrams, opened on September 18 and runs through October 4, 2009. It is presented Friday and Saturday at 7:00 pm with a Sunday matinee at 2:00 pm.

Be sure to support Citrus County's Fine Arts!

Bingo Jackpot Winners

Aug. 26	Susie Lunney	\$182
Sept. 2	Marj Tischer	\$143
Sept. 9	Dennis Bailey	\$72
	Michelle P.	\$72
Sept. 16	MaryAnn Devlin	\$85
	Peggy Johnson	\$85
Sept. 23	Carole Cate	\$144

Quote of the Month

Change is difficult but often essential to survival.

~Les Brown

CRV Fishing Report

I recently read an article in **Florida Regulations, Freshwater Edition** titled *"Fish Consumption Advisory."* Florida's freshwater and marine fishes are generally considered safe to eat and can be consumed in reasonable amounts. But certain fish can be potentially unhealthy to eat, because they take up contaminants from the water and from the food they eat. At low to moderate levels, like those found in most fish, mercury poses little danger. However, higher levels of mercury can damage the human brain and nervous system. If you would like to read the whole article, you may pick up a free copy of the Regulations at Ed's Bait Shop, located in the Airport Plaza on US 19 near the Olive Tree and Pack n' Post.

The Sept. 25, 2009 Chronicle newspaper mentions high levels of mercury contamination in fish caught in the Santa Fe River in north FL. They recommend that children and women of child-bearing age restrict consumption of fish caught in that area.

All lake ramps are open and I'm getting good reports of Bass being caught. Anyone that would like to go fishing with me, please give me a call or stop by.

Ollie Simon Lot #364 Phone 220-6068

Shuffleboard Winners

Aug. 25	Thelma Bachert & Judy Hood
Sept. 1	Lorraine Fricke & Don Gibeau
Sept. 8	Bill Kuhn & Woody Wood
Sept. 15	Ken Schedel & Woody Wood
Sept. 22	Thelma Bachert & Barbara Lohfink

September HOA Meeting Summary

All Board members except one were present for the September 1 Association meeting, but there were not enough residents in attendance for a quorum. The Treasurer's Report was read; Carole noted that donations received for the new swan covered expenses. Harry Rundle said that French Toast will be served at this month's breakfast. (*Everyone loved it!*) There was much discussion concerning a recent article in the Crystal River Current that was written by a resident who no longer lives here. The Current's Community Affairs Editor received several calls and contacted President Carl Preston seeking a recommendation for another person to report on CRV Events. Susie Lunney has agreed to submit a monthly article for the Current. It was noted that an item placed on the Bulletin Board concerning the same newspaper article was marked with graffiti and subsequently removed from the Bulletin Board. Please respect the purpose of the Bulletin Board and other people's opinions.

A chairperson is needed for the CRV Halloween Party (*Trudy Wood has volunteered*), which will be held on Oct. 24 and not 31 as noted last month. Secretary Gary Ammerman keeps a record of residents' concerns and complaints and gives a list to Delnora each month. She indicated that the items on last month's list were never presented to the owners. The Board is frustrated that many concerns never get discussed. A contract has been signed to replace the pool heater; it is due to be installed the third week in September.

Apparently the alligator that attacked the new swan was being fed, according to the crew that came to remove it from the pond. According to a recent newspaper article, feeding alligators is illegal and subject to a \$500 fine. Several ducks have been staying in the pond lately, and our remaining swan occasionally swims with them. A second yard sale was proposed as a fund raiser. A good idea, but a lot of hard work, and no one seemed interested in pursuing it at this time.



Craft Club - New Members Welcome

All are welcome to join the "Craft Club" which meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at the Clubhouse from 1:00 to 4:00 pm beginning in October and going through May. Refreshments and coffee will be provided.



Confirmation of attendance must be given one week prior to each session so supplies for that week's project can be purchased. Supplies are obtained for those scheduled to be there and must be paid for even if unable to attend. Cost per meeting is generally in the \$1-\$3.00 range. Please call Joyce Hastings at 352-795-9853 if you are interested. She is looking forward to having new members bringing in fresh ideas and just having fun.

Sweetest Day

Saturday, October 17 is Sweetest Day this year. If you are from the Great Lakes region, you are probably quite familiar with this special day observed annually on the third Saturday in October. It is a day to remember your loved ones, family, and friends by giving small presents such as greeting cards, candy, and flowers. Sort of like Valentine's Day but in the fall.

The first Sweetest Day was planned as an act of philanthropy by a group of 12 candy makers from the Cleveland area in 1921. Their Committee distributed over 20,000 boxes of candy to newsboys, orphans, old folks, and the poor in Cleveland, Ohio that year. An attempt was made to launch a similar day in New York, and candy was distributed among numerous charities, but it was not as successful. Over the next two decades the National Confectioners Association tried several times to launch a movement throughout the candy industry to rank Sweetest Day with the nationally accepted Mother's Day, Father's Day, and St. Valentine's Day. But it never caught on beyond the mid-western states. Detroit, Cleveland, and Buffalo are the largest metropolitan areas to still observe it.

October Pot Luck

At our October 15 Pot Luck, a representative from the Citrus County Family Resource Center will give a brief presentation following the meal. They provide much needed assistance to young families in our area. This is the organization that has been receiving our donated can goods for their Food Pantry. Last year many of our residents sponsored a child and purchased presents for them through the Christmas program. In addition to the Food Pantry and Christmas Program, they have a Clothes Closet that offers donated clothing, provide Food Stamp Assistance, and help with emergency needs. Plan to attend and learn more about their work.

We now have a set of matching hot pads available for use with hot dishes on the food table. Our thanks to Rose Peckham, who saw them while away for a visit in the north this summer and thought of us.

By the way, you may have wondered why we request a \$1 donation (\$2 for a guest) to attend the Pot Luck when you are already bringing food to share. That \$1 helps cover the cost of the coffee, tea, paper products, sugar, creamer, cold beverages, and other incidentals that we use. It also helps with other operating costs of our association. We cannot function on the income from our dues alone.

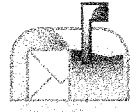
New Website Online

Our website www.crystalrivervillagehoa.com is up and running again. Our new webmaster is 29th Parallel Design of Inverness. Many thanks to Bud Shott for all the work he did in establishing our first website. You will find the updated one looks quite similar to Bud's, as much of the original content was retained. You can access the Resident Directory by using a single password, the name of our surviving swan. Be sure to use all lower case letters when you enter it. If you find any errors in information, please contact Susie Lunney 794-4115 or Carl Preston 795-6458 to arrange for a correction. If you are selling your home and wish to advertise it for sale on this website, contact Carl Preston. Also, if you have used an area business that gave you especially good service and you feel they should be included on our Preferred Business List, please contact Carl. Other residents will appreciate benefitting from your good experience and recommendation.

New CRV HOA Mailing Address

Over the summer there were several issues with Management concerning the website. Our legal counsel recommended we get an offsite mailing address so no one can be accused of running a business out of their home. Recently such an address was established. The new address is:

CRV HOA
PMB 512
987 N Suncoast Blvd
Crystal River FL 34429



Having a dedicated mail box will also allow for continuity of business so when officers of our HOA change, nothing will be missed in the transition.

Flu Season News

We are entering flu season, and this year there are two (2) types of flu virus to concern us. The first type is **seasonal influenza** or what we commonly refer to as *the flu*, an upper respiratory infection that changes slightly from year to year. You catch it by breathing in droplets from an infected person who is coughing and sneezing, or by coming in contact with an infected surface. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) recommends getting a flu shot each year for protection, especially Seniors. Other preventive measures are: avoid people with respiratory symptoms, wash your hands frequently, especially after being out in public touching doors and shopping carts, use hand sanitizer if unable to wash, do not share drinks or personal items, and do not touch your hands near your eyes, nose, or mouth unless you have just washed them.

The second type is **H1N1 flu**, also called *Swine flu*, a highly contagious respiratory infection that spreads rapidly and has reached pandemic stage, meaning it is a worldwide outbreak. The symptoms are about the same as with seasonal flu, but may also include infection, vomiting, and diarrhea. You catch it and may avoid it in the same ways as the seasonal flu. Vaccines are being created right now and will be available in October. **In this instance, it is a good thing to be a Senior. For some reason older adults are less likely to become infected than younger people.** The CDC feels those over 65 may not need to be given the vaccine. You should speak to your doctor about it.

A Short Story

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

New Village Residents

Carole & Bob Frank are the new owners of #317. They are located right next door to Bill & Judy Pickett, which is convenient since Carole is their daughter.

Warner Lubrich recently moved into #419. He enjoys spending time at the pool whenever he can, so you may meet him there.

Rich & Karen Craven have purchased #451. They are from Minnesota and plan to arrive here by mid to late fall.

We hope you will welcome them all warmly to our community when you meet them.

Helping Hands Needs Help!

Helping Hands is a group of people who offer a hand when someone here in our Village needs temporary assistance. It may be to drive to an appointment, or to pick up a prescription. Barbara Bakes coordinates the group. When she recently had surgery herself and was unable to drive, Barbara realized they need a few more helpers to call on. If you are available to provide a ride occasionally, please contact Barbara at 563-1476.

Upcoming Village Events

Veteran's Day:

Chairman Richard (Woody) Wood is planning a special event at the Clubhouse on Wednesday the 11th of November at the 11th hour to honor our Veterans. All Veterans here in the Village are encouraged to attend. Coffee and refreshments will be served.



Ladies Luncheon:

Bonnie Hubbard and Marilyn Ebbert will be the hostesses for the next Ladies Luncheon. It will be at the Café on the Avenue on Oct. 22. Check the bulletin board for menu information and to sign-up.

Thanksgiving Dinner:

Ruth Slaton and Rose Peckham are the Co-Chairs for this year's Thanksgiving Dinner on November 26. They will need people to help; if you plan to attend and can assist, contact Ruth at 795-4060 or Rose at 563-9831. Watch for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.



Seminole Hard Rock Casino:

A Bus Trip to the Casino is planned for Friday, November 13. The bus will leave from our Clubhouse at 9:00 am and return about 6:00 pm. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes the bus trip, plus \$25 free slot play and a \$5 meal voucher. That's a real bargain! You must sign-up by Nov. 1 and pay by Nov. 10. We need 45 people or we will need to cancel. There are still a few openings.


Trudy Wood 563-2612
Dottie Matteson 795-6898

Golf Outings:

Last spring a group of golfers in the Village went on several outings to area courses. As snowbirds return, these outings will be planned again; a sign-up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board. The Callaway scoring system will be used so it will be fair to all, and you will not need to have a handicap.



Crystal River Village - October 2009 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg	2 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Table Pool	3 10:30am - Horseshoes
4	5 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	6 8am- Men's Breakfast Ladies included 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Meeting	7 10am -Blood Pressure 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	8 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Card Games	9 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	10 8-10am - SAT MORN BREAKFAST 10:30am - Horseshoes
11	12 Columbus Day 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	13 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	14 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	15 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg 6pm - POT LUCK	16 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Table Pool	17 Sweetest Day 10:30am - Horseshoes
18	19 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	20 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Board	21 10am -Blood Pressure 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	22 9:30am - Painting Grp 12 noon - LADIES LUNCHEON 1pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Card Games	23 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	24 10:30am - Horseshoes 5-10pm VILLAGE HALLOWEEN PARTY
25	26 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	27 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	28 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	29 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg	30 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	31 10:30am - Horseshoes Halloween

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: by the 23rd of month
 Susie Lunney 794-4115, #433, dslunney@embarqmail.com
 HOA Website ~ www.crystalrivervillagehoa.com

©2009 CRV Homeowners Assn.
 No portion may be copied or reprinted
 without approval of Assn. Board of Directors