

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

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The President's Message

Hello, and isn't this weather great? Finally the rains have stopped, and we have a break in the hot weather. It makes it easier for residents to get out and walk in the mornings and evenings, and there are a number of you out there, staying young.

Many new residents have moved into our community in recent months. We welcome them and the new life they bring to our Village. I hope they find some activities they are interested in joining. These activities are sponsored by our HOA and we are always looking for volunteers, because you, our volunteers, run the HOA.

Our Clubhouse was recently closed to all scheduled activities for three days, on October 17, 18 and 19. You may have seen the notice taped to all the doors. This notice was not posted until Monday, October 15, so it did not allow much time to notify residents who regularly attend the activities that had to be cancelled, which included Bingo and our monthly Pot Luck. Supposedly, it was closed so the walkway surrounding the Clubhouse could be painted. However it appears the real reason was to prevent the special HOA meeting with guest speakers from FMO. With so many entrances into the Clubhouse, it was certainly unnecessary to close and block all entrances at one time. Also latex paint dries very rapidly, so three days was a totally unneeded length of time. And the hallway to the restrooms was made available during the meeting, so certainly the main room could have been available, too. (That meeting was still held; see article on page 3.)

Don Whitehurst, a CRV owner, stated in the October 22 issue of the *Chronicle* "that the Clubhouse was to be used only for social events by residents of Crystal River Village." When advised that residents have the right to invite anyone into the park they chose, he responded: "That's certainly not true." However, in Chapter 723.055, it specifically states that residents have the right "*to invite public officers, candidates who have qualified for public office, or officers or representatives of a tenant organization to appear and speak upon matters of public interest in the common areas or recreational areas of the mobile home park*". Like a restaurant which has to adhere to health code laws to protect the public, or a driver who has to adhere to rules of the road to protect other drivers, owners of manufactured home parks have rules to which they must adhere, to protect homeowners interests. Chapter 723 provides those rules. Our own prospectus allows for residents to have unlimited access to our Clubhouse and common areas. The Owners of CRV cannot infringe on those rights and must adhere to the laws as stated in 723.

It's that time of year when our snowbirds begin to return. Many of you arrived in the past couple of weeks. We are delighted to have you back, and look forward to an active, fun-filled winter season.

Carl Preston 795-6458

CRV Thanksgiving Dinner

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on **Thursday, November 22 at 4:00 pm** at the Clubhouse. Turkey, stuffing, gravy and ham will be provided, as well as place settings. Those attending are asked to bring traditional dishes and desserts to share and complete the meal. Feel free to bring your own special beverage. There will be a **\$2.00** charge for all who attend to cover the cost of coffee, iced tea, paper products and the turkey and ham. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Clubhouse. Please indicate the number of persons attending in your group and what food items you plan to bring.

If you have a neighbor who will be alone on Thanksgiving, invite him or her to come with you. We always have room for more.

Volunteers are needed that morning at 10:00 am to help with arranging tables and chairs and after dinner to help with clean-up. If you are willing to assist, please call Marsha Gibson at 794-6455.



Congratulations & Best Wishes!

November Birthdays

1 Joan Helms	14 Chip Huckins
1 Ty Lineberger	14 Peggy Johnson
3 Michael Kinnison	14 Linda Pfister
5 Nelly Benvenuto	17 Richard Decker
6 Annie Collie	19 Randall Brown
7 Judy Hood	22 Mimma Allen
8 Barbara Rundle	24 Barbara Atwood
10 Art Devlin	24 Barbara Marion
10 Warner Lubrich	26 Roger Weaver
10 JoAn Whippie	26 Lyman Sornberger
10 Norma Willhoft	28 Nancy Hardin
12 Jim Kenney	28 Jim Harrison
14 Katie Gillis	29 MaryLou Benedict

November Anniversaries

12 Ronald & Jan Hunt
16 David & Brenda King
22 Ralph & Mimma Allen
27 John & Linda Pfister
29 Mike & Nancy Russell

Shuffleboard

It seems no one kept track of winners for Shuffleboard last month. I will try to have them for you for next month.

~Susie

From the Bingo Table

Another month has come and gone. The payouts are growing larger with our winter residents coming back and greater attendance. Thank you to all the people who volunteer at Bingo.

I apologize for the unscheduled cancellation of Bingo on the 17th. Management said they needed to close the Clubhouse to paint the walkway.

Come to Bingo. We will have a good time.

Woody & Barbi, Bingo Chairmen

Bingo Jackpot Winners

Sep 26	Bob LaManna	\$27
	Nancy Hannah	\$27
	Annie Collie	\$27
	Barbi Nichols	\$27
	Kathleen Stoeckert	\$27
Oct 03	Sandra Ryder	\$140
Oct 10	Barbi Nichols	\$193
Oct 17	No Bingo - Management closed the Clubhouse	
Oct 24	Deb Proctor	\$83
	Bill Cate	\$83

HOA Home Sweet Home

The winners for November are:

Home Sweet Home Golden Award

Mike & Nancy Russell
1432 SE Niko Terrace

You have done a super job in a short time.

Love the walkway, a great Florida look.

Thanks, Mike and Nancy.

Home Sweet Home Silver Award

Ron & Caryl Kershner
1771 SE Joan Rollins Avenue

Your place always looks attractive to all who pass by. Very nice, Ron and Caryl.

~HOA Home Sweet Home Committee

Ladies Luncheon

Ladies Luncheon will not be held in November due to Thanksgiving. The December luncheon will be held on **December 13th** at Thai-Phoon Restaurant. All Ladies of the Village are invited.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day falls on Sunday this year, so we will hold our annual service honoring our veterans on **Monday the 12th of November at 11:00 am** at our Clubhouse.

Our next CRV Veterans History Project honoree is Bill Pickett. His daughter, Carole Frank will be presenting her father's career highlights.

All residents, especially Veterans are encouraged to attend. CRV Veterans in attendance will be introduced and recognized. Coffee and refreshments will be served following the service.



Harry Rundle is coordinating this event. For more information, you may contact him at 220-6498.

October HOA Meeting Summary

The October 2, 2012 meeting of the HOA had 38 households in attendance, including 6 members of the Board. Secretary Kay Hrabec and Director Carole Polisson were away. Since there was not a quorum, it was an unofficial meeting. Following the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Dot Maloney-Binney.

There was no Secretary's report available. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Our attorney, Karen Maller has notified our HOA that the Whitehurst attorney has filed a motion for final judgment on items discussed at the court hearing. Karen has recommended we not sign off on the final judgment without clarification that those items still active in the Mediation Agreement, i.e. the additional two years of rent control, redoing the kitchen, and shuffleboard courts, would still be ongoing contract items.

Committee reports were given. Trudy Wood shared information on the upcoming *CRV on the Move* trip to the Ft. Myers area. A March trip to Savannah GA is in the works. A birthday party to benefit the Family Resource Center is planned for October 13. Marsha Gibson reported that blood pressure screening has been moved to every other Thursday, because of a conflict with Bible Study on Wednesday. Bible Study will resume on October 10. Bill Bryan spoke for the Nominations Committee and reminded everyone of the October 15 deadline to submit their name for candidacy for HOA offices for 2013.

Leo Lumpiesz commented on the Rent Committee meeting with Management on September 12. Residents are still having issues with front gate entry. New resident Dawna Grant had difficulty in getting her health care providers in to assist her following surgery. Names are still not entered, or entered incorrectly.

Bill Pickett checked on watering dates now that we have new addresses. Those whose address has an even number may water on Thursday and Sunday; those with an odd number water on Wednesday and Saturday. Ed & Barbara Bakes recently had two different calls soliciting money or information. One claimed to be from their healthcare provider, the other claimed to be a relative in need of money. The Bakes wisely hung up and reported the calls, but wanted to warn other residents of the incidents.

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

Holiday Raffle Basket of Good Cheer



Our HOA Board offers you a chance to win a basket full of spirits and snacks to enjoy over the Holiday Season! The basket will be filled to the brim with lots of good beverages and holiday treats to make your season enjoyable.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available from any HOA Board member. Only 80 tickets will be sold. The lucky winner's name will be drawn at the December 14 Pot Luck Christmas Party.

~The HOA Board

CRV Book Club

The Book Club is presently reading *The Lost Quilter* by Jennifer Chiaverini. They meet every other Monday at 10:00 am at the Clubhouse. This month's meetings are November 5 and 19. If you enjoy reading and sharing in discussions of books, come join us. For more information, contact Joan Helms 794-6220.

Special HOA FMO Meeting

The special HOA FMO Meeting scheduled for October 18, ran into difficulty when Management decided to close the Clubhouse to all activities for three days so the walkway could be painted. (See information in President's message.) Leo Lumpiesz tried several times, unsuccessfully, to discuss the issue with Management. The meeting was relocated outside to the horseshoe pit area under the trees. Numerous CRV residents provided lawn chairs for seating for the 70 people who attended the event.

The invited speakers, Tim McCarthy, President of our FMO District 17, and Gene Brooks, FMO Regional Director, along with guests Ed Green and Ann LaFountain, were delighted with the number in attendance and their interest.

A primary topic was the state-owned Citizens Insurance, which has made changes that have affected many homeowners. Residents should be wary of being switched to a surplus line insurance company. They are not licensed by the state, may charge higher rates, and can go out of business unexpectedly and leave you holding the bag.

Charity Birthday Party

When three special women in our Village, Barbi Nichols, Shelly Lumpiesz, and Gloria Baker realized they each were reaching a milestone birthday in 2012 they discussed how to best celebrate the occasion. (I won't print their milestone years here, but if you ask them I am sure they will tell you.) They didn't need or desire gifts for themselves, and knew the Family Resource Center is in desperate need of food and clothing for needy and homeless Citrus County residents. They decided to celebrate their birthday by hosting a party to benefit the Center. Everyone in CRV was invited to join in the celebration on October 13. About 50 CRV residents attended and donated enough food, clothing, and household goods to completely fill a pickup truck, along with numerous monetary donations. It was a successful event and fun evening.

Mary & Lee Stiles, residents who have volunteered at the center for many years, invited Ginger West, the Director of the Center to attend the party. Ginger was overwhelmed at the generosity of CRV residents, and spoke briefly about the Center and some of the needs it serves for area families. Each Christmas they also assist other social services agencies in providing Christmas for about 2000 of Citrus County's needy children. Last year CRV residents 'adopted' 30 of these children. If you are interested in participating in this worthwhile cause, please contact Mary & Lee at 564-0391.

Many, many thanks to Barbi, Gloria and Shelly for their generous support of the Center, and for coming up with a fun, creative way to do it. *Make a Difference Day* was October 27 this year, and they really made a difference in many Citrus County lives.

Wii Bowling League

We had such a good time last winter with Wii Bowling, we would like to start it up again. If you are interested in joining us, please come to a brief meeting on **Thursday, November 1st at 11:00 am** at the Clubhouse. If you cannot be there, contact Bud Shott at 352-220-6060.

Remember to Vote!

Don't forget to cast your ballot on November 6.

Nominations Committee Report

The following residents have submitted their intentions to run for HOA offices for 2013.

Candidates for:

President	Leo Lumpiesz
Vice President	Gary Ammerman Barbi Nichols
Secretary	Barbara Atwood
Treasurer	Mary Gavaza
Director (2 seats)	Marsha Gibson Linda Shott

These candidates will have the opportunity to speak at the next HOA meeting on November 6. Each candidate will have 5 minutes to introduce themselves and present their qualifications.

Watch your e-mail and mail post for the Absentee Ballots to be distributed not later than November 2.

Bible Study

Bible study is back in full swing. We meet every Wednesday morning at 10 am with Pastor Brad Bresson at the Clubhouse. We will be studying the New Testament book of Galatians for the next several weeks. Come join us.

Suzanne Dost, 727-255-9255

2013 Membership Forms

The Newsletter is generally delivered only to HOA members. However, in November all residents in our Village receive a copy along with a membership form to give you the opportunity to join or renew for the coming year. If you have not been a member before, please consider joining the association. Receiving the newsletter keeps you informed on events in our Village and also those issues which affect you.

Please be sure your directory and emergency contact information is correct. Note any changes on your Membership Form so the website directory listing can be updated.

2012 HOA memberships expire at the end of January. Please fill out the enclosed form and return it along with the annual fee before January 31, 2013 to **Geraldine Caul, 979 SE Nature Coast Lane, 794-3548** of the Membership Committee. The HOA Membership Fee for 2013 remains the same as previous years, **\$10 per year**.

New CRV Residents

Ronald and Nancy Baxley recently moved into 947 Serendipity Place. They are from Hawthorne FL and will be full time residents.

Paul and Elaine Neal are finalizing purchase of 961 SE Lillian St. They will be moving in during the month of November, and will also be full time residents. We welcome the Baxleys and the Neals to our Village.

In Memoriam

This past month Crystal River Village lost two of its oldest residents within one week of each other. Virginia Mahnke, age 97, a long time resident, passed away at her home on Friday, October 5, 2012. Virginia loved Crystal River Village. She moved away briefly a couple of years ago, but missed CRV, and decided to move back to her home here.

On Friday October 12, Carl Davis, age 96, passed away at Seven Rivers Hospital. Carl had lived in Crystal River for 23 years. Most of those years with his brother, Les, who left us in April 2011.

We send our sympathy to the family and friends of Virginia and Carl. May we all be so fortunate to live as many years.

November Pot Luck

We will have Pot Luck this month on **Thursday, November 15**. We missed not having it last month, with Management closing the Clubhouse to all activities.

CRV on the Move

CRV on the Move is moving fast! Get on the bus; it's loading up! An overnight trip is being planned for **January 20 & 21**. We will travel to the Seminole Casino in Immokalee, located near Ft Myers. The cost is \$94, which includes round trip bus fare, over-night hotel accommodations with a continental breakfast at Hampton Inn, \$30 per day free play, and a \$5 meal voucher for each day. This is a really great deal! Money is due the first week in January. Information and a signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

Shelly Lumpiesz & Trudy Wood

FMO News & Information

More and more of you are answering the call to support efforts of the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners (FMO). Several of you have joined the FMO since my column appeared in our October Newsletter, and a few more of you have asked for membership applications since our October 18 FMO Meeting in the shade by the horseshoe pits. What a wonderful and exhilarating afternoon that was, and a very informative session for about 70 homeowners and most of them from our Village.

A recent letter from Charlie Gallagher, the President of FMO, to every HOA President in Florida makes the point that although FMO fights for all residents of manufactured home parks, those who are not FMO members receive the benefits created and funded by dues paying members year after year. FMO successes have saved every manufactured home resident hundreds of dollars each year, and it is imperative that we increase membership in FMO. The greater our numbers, the louder our voice!

Thank you one and all who brought enthusiasm, neighbors, lawn chairs, and good will to our FMO meeting under the trees. Please ask me, any other FMO member, or any HOA Board member if you have questions about the mission or actions of the FMO.

Oh, and have you tried logging onto www.fmo.org yet? Use your member number (located above your name on the mailing address label of FMO News) and your Florida zip code.

Dennis Lunney, FMO Representative



Upcoming Events

- Dec. 13 Ladies Luncheon on Thursday at noon
- Dec. 14 Christmas Pot Luck on Friday at 6:00 pm at the Clubhouse. More info next month.
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Celebration, time to be determined. More info next month.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Remember to turn your clocks back on **Sunday, November 4** as we return to regular time after being on daylight saving time since last March.

Crystal River Village - November 2012 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8 am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 10 am - Blood Pressure 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 7 pm - Men's Pool	2 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30 am - CRV Golf 1 pm -Cards & Games 1 pm - Craft Class 6:30 pm - Poker	3 10:30 am - Horseshoes
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