

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

Our next Open House is planned for January 15. If you wish to or plan to participate, please call me or a Board member as soon as possible. We will need at least 20 homes to participate for it to be successful and to cover costs. The more units we have to show, the more enticing an opportunity it will be for potential buyers to attend. Future Open Houses are scheduled for February 19 and March 19. The cost is \$20 for one month or \$39 to participate in all three. An Open House is a benefit to all residents, not just to those trying to sell their units. Having many empty homes around us becomes a security issue, as well as devaluing our own homes. Even if you are not selling, we can use your help, too, with manning the Clubhouse and handing out maps.

At the November HOA meeting and since, there has been much discussion concerning the recent notice of lot rent increase. As the Rent Committee and I have said, we anticipated an increase of up to \$15 since that figure falls within the contract signed by the Whitehursts in May. It came as no great surprise, but given the sluggish economy we had hoped they might start with a lower increase this year to help stimulate sales. But as long as the owners do not exceed the \$45 in 5 years, they are within that contract. Once again the increases were not all the same. Those CRV residents with higher lot rentals were given smaller increases. I assume that is because their rentals are presently among the highest in Citrus County.

I hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving. Come out and enjoy all the upcoming holiday activities both in our Village and in the greater community. And if you have a neighbor who is alone, extend an invitation to him/her to join you at one or more of the many activities highlighted in this month's newsletter.

Carl Preston (#340) 795-6458

Decorate the Clubhouse

Come join in the fun and help "deck the hall" on Sunday December 5 at 2:00 pm. We will sing some Christmas carols and share light refreshments while we create a festive atmosphere in our Clubhouse.

New Year's Eve Party

The New Year's Eve Party will be an informal "*Ham and Hors d'oeuvres*" gathering starting at 7:00 pm, with an early New Year's Eve celebration at 10:00 pm. If you wish, you are welcome to stay on and continue the party until midnight. The HOA will provide the ham and sandwich incidentals, those attending should bring hors d'oeuvres and appetizers to share. We will use our own sound system for music. To cover the cost of the ham, coffee, punch, etc., the fee will be \$2 per member and \$4 for guests. Sign-up early so supplies can be ordered. The sign-up sheet will be posted.



Pot Luck Christmas Party

The Pot Luck gathering on Thursday, December 16 at 6:00 pm will also be our Christmas Party. Bring an entree, salad or dessert to share as usual. Coffee and beverage will be provided. Following the meal, we will sing carols and share in some holiday festivities. There will not be a charge to members this month; guests will pay \$2 per person.

Ladies Christmas Luncheon

The Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 9 at noon at the Thai-Phoon Restaurant. It is located in the same plaza as Big Lots and Save-a-Lot. Your hostesses are Rose Peckham 563-9831 and Dottie Matteson 795-8698. Signup sheets will be posted on the bulletin board. All women in our Village are invited to attend. If you are new, contact one of the hostesses to arrange to attend with someone else. This is a good opportunity to meet other residents.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

December Birthdays

5 Oliver Simon	(364)	16 Susan Perry	(391)
6 Keith Newell	(369)	17 Gloria Cate	(160)
7 Marilyn Boersma	(385)	19 Barbara Bakes	(525)
7 Marjorie Colson	(325)	20 Gloria Baker	(324)
9 Carol Dulaney	(517)	21 Barbara Zinkiewicz	(526)
11 Nick Polisson	(313)	25 Sherri Genung	(512)
11 Gary Ammerman	(168)	26 Lee Stiles	(386)
12 Lorraine Fricke	(380)	27 Richard Ballagh	(348)
13 Valerie O'Toole	(372)	30 Sharon Shull	(434)
14 Pat LaManna	(405)	30 Mary Stiles	(386)
15 Camden Long	(445)	30 Roberta Humason	(409)

December Anniversaries

5 Bob & Marie Cross	(375)
6 Gerald & Faye Phillips	(430)
15 Dennis & Renee Bailey	(428)
15 Earl & Marj Tischer	(489)
30 Bill & Paula Blaylock	(005)
31 Timm & Lois Gage	(377)

Please let me know if your special day is missing or incorrect. Susie

Shuffleboard Winners

Oct 26	Thelma Bachert & Jim Brown
Nov 02	Jim Brown & Mal Hood
Nov 09	Bill Kuhn & Woody Wood
Nov 16	Ralph Falgiano & Don Gibeau
Nov 23	Bob VanDuzer & Woody Wood

Halloween Party

A ghoulish good time was had by those 100+ people who attended the annual Halloween Party. The majority were in costume, and choosing winners was a difficult task. Awards went to Harry Rundle for most original, Howard Rowe most humorous, Rick Decker scariest, Gloria Baker best female, Art Devlin best male, and Dale & Barbi Nichols for best couple. Both the music by DJ Joe Dube and food catered by The Gourmet Affair of Inverness were delightful. Many thanks to Chairperson Joan Helms and her committee for doing an outstanding job. Photos compliments of Bud Shott can be viewed by going to our website to the Community News page.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a service that some of our CRV residents provide for their neighbors. It includes picking up prescriptions at a pharmacy, providing an occasional ride to a local doctor's office, or helping to set up transportation to an appointment. If you are able to assist with this service or you need to make use of this service, please contact Marilyn Snell-Brown (#179) at 585-593-3560.

Veterans Day

About 40 residents attended the Veterans Day event at the Clubhouse. Richard Wood served as Chairman and organizer. Bill Pickett served as Provost Marshall and presented the colors. Bobbie Stahley acted as Chaplain. Woody reminded us that our country really began on the fields at Lexington and Concord, and that we have fought many proud battles since. He suggested that we never pass up an opportunity to thank anyone we see in uniform for their service, and always show them the respect and appreciation these servicemen and women deserve. Each veteran in attendance stood, introduced himself/herself and gave his/her branch of service. Three of the veterans present had served in World War II. As always, it was a moving experience, followed by a time of camaraderie and refreshments.

Kay Hrabec

18 veterans were served a complementary meal at the Saturday Breakfast on November 13 in honor of their service to our country.

2011 Healthy Living Health Fair

Our third annual Health Fair will be held on January 25, 2011. Be sure to mark that date on your new calendar. We will have the LIFESouth Bloodmobile here as well as many service agencies who will do various testing and tell you about the services they offer. This will be the largest health fair we have had yet. Holding it on a weekday makes it possible for more agencies to attend. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

November HOA Meeting Summary

The Homeowners Association met on November 2, 2010. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Louis Safko and Shirley Durante, residents who had passed away in the previous month. Seven Board members were present, but there was not a quorum in attendance. No official business was transacted and it was a brief meeting.

Several committees gave short reports. Marilyn Brown has agreed to coordinate Helping Hands. Harry Rundle noted that veterans would receive a free breakfast this month. Joan Helms reported on a successful Halloween Party which had a final expense of only \$283 charged to the HOA. In the absence of Rent Committee Chairperson Leo, Carl Preston gave a brief report. A court-ordered pre trial session is scheduled for March 7, 2011. The court trial will be sometime in the 2 week period between March 28 and April 8, 2011. There was some discussion concerning the recent notice of the \$15 lot rental increase for 2011.

Trudy announced a January trip to Hard Rock Casino. New members Joyce Mohr (#494) and Pat & Rose Sweeney (159) were introduced.

Quorum Needed

Be sure to attend the December HOA meeting. We need a quorum to vote on the new Board for the coming year.

CRV Fishing Report

The weather has finally turned cooler, and water temperatures are cooling off. That should improve fishing. I got a report from Bob VanDuzer (# 345) recently. He, Lew Clark (# 448), and Bud Shott (# 504) went fishing with Jim Brown (# 298) on Jim's boat. They were fishing 33 miles out in the Gulf, using frozen shrimp and squid. They filled 2 coolers with Grunts, a fish that gets its unusual name because they make a grunting sound when they are caught. It was a good day for that crew!

This is your newsletter column, so feel free to call me with anything about what's going, either here at CRV or elsewhere in the county, anything that would help with our fishing. If you would like to go fishing or just take a trip up the Rainbow River, stop by or call Ollie Simon, lot #364, phone 220-6068.

Friendly Visitor Program

Many of our elderly or handicapped residents find themselves lonely with no one to talk to. Would you be willing to visit a shut in neighbor once or twice a week for just a few minutes to provide a little companionship? This would be a confidential friendly visit. You would not be performing any type of service other than to share your smile and brighten someone's day. If you are interested in being part of this team or if you would like to receive a "friendly visitor" on occasion, please contact Marilyn Snell-Brown at 585-593-3560. When there is enough interest, we will have a brief orientation to discuss the guidelines for visiting.

Hard Rock Casino Trip

A bus trip to Hard Rock Casino is planned for Monday January 10, 2011. The cost is \$20 which covers the round trip for the bus, includes \$25 free play at the casino and a \$5 voucher toward your lunch. The bus will depart from our Clubhouse about 8:15 am and return around 6 pm. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the Clubhouse. You must sign up no later than January 1. We will need 45 people to reserve the bus. Contact Dottie Matteson (#443) 795-8698 or Trudy Wood (#523) 563-2612 for more information.

Sugarmill Chorale Christmas Concert

The Sugarmill Chorale began over 30 years ago as a small singing group from Sugarmill Woods, but rapidly grew and is now composed of singers from all over Citrus County. This month 35-40 members will sing at the annual Christmas concert. The performance will be on December 12 at 3:00 pm at the Curtis Peterson Auditorium in Lecanto. Village residents Bob Hrabec and Susie Lunney are members of the chorale and have tickets available. The price is \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. Proceeds from the concert go toward scholarships for area music students. This is a great way to support a worthwhile cause and ring in the holidays, too. The Chorale is always looking for more voices, especially men. Give it some thought for the spring concert. Rehearsals begin in January and that concert is usually in late March.

CRV Christmas Cart Parade

Did you enjoy the decorated golf cart parade last year? 15 carts participated and it was a fun time, but if you recall, it was rather chilly. If you have a cart, we hope you will join in to make this year's parade even bigger and brighter. But if you prefer to watch, the parade will take place on Tuesday, December 14. Participants will gather on the last street near the boat storage area at 2:15 pm. They will line up and head to Cypress Cove Care Center for a 3:00 pm parade for their residents like last year. At 6:00 pm that evening, meet in the same area for a lighted cart parade around our Village. Residents, be on the watch for the parade as it circles our streets. This year's parade is being organized by Jim Brown, Mal Hood, Ralph Falgiano, John Moore, Bud Shott and Bob VanDuzer. Contact one of them for more information.

2011 Membership Forms

Please remember to fill out the blue form found in last month's newsletter and return it by January to a member of the Membership Committee:

Margie Jordan (#177) 563-9849

Shirley Decker (#520) 352-601-0307

Geraldine "Gerry" Caul (538) 863-512-9122

You may also return it at any function at the Clubhouse, such as the HOA Meeting, Bingo, Pot Luck, or you may give it to a member of the Board. If you are unable to get out, contact Margie, Shirley or Gerry and they will come to you. Before you return it, please check your listing in the Resident Directory on our Website. If any information needs to be changed, such as your phone number or email address, please note it correctly on your Membership Form and your listing will be updated. The HOA Membership Fee for 2011 remains the same at \$10 per year. If you have not been a member before, consider joining and supporting the association, it works for you.

Your HOA Board

The Board of Directors wishes you all a wonderful Holiday season. The December Board meeting will be held early this month, on Monday, December 13 at 7:00 pm, due to several members being away on the regular third Tuesday of the month.

Bingo Jackpot Winners

Oct 27	Bob LaManna	\$70
	Norma Hollibush	\$70
Nov 03	Marilyn Snell-Brown	\$147
Nov 10	Joyce Mohr	\$200
Nov 17	Bob LaManna	\$159
Nov 24	Annie Collie	\$80
	Nancy Hannah	\$80

Bingo News

Bingo will take a holiday break to give all our volunteers time to relax and enjoy the season. There will be **NO** Bingo on December 29. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, and we'll see you on January 5, 2011.

CRV Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving dinner had 77 people in attendance. That meant a great variety of delicious side dishes and desserts were available to go with the turkey and ham provided by the association. Many thanks to those who cooked the turkeys, Shirley Decker, Joan Helms, Kay Hrabec, and Susie Lunney. And thanks to Carl Preston and Bob Hrabec who did an outstanding job with the carving and Cindy Drew was there ably assisting all day long. Some others who helped with set up and clean up were Lew Clark, Dave and Nancy Hardin, Shirley Decker and Joan Helms. Thanksgiving is a time for family and it is wonderful for our residents to be able to gather at events like this when they are far away from their own families. Thank you all for your part in a successful day.

Ruth Slaton

And grateful thanks to you, Ruth, from the HOA Board and the Village for being the Chairperson of the Thanksgiving dinner again this year.

In Memoriam

Patricia "Pat" Rutherford, a CRV resident who lived in unit #003, passed away on November 11, 2010 after a very brief illness. We send our sympathy to her daughter Cyndi Yahn, who also resides in our Village, and to her family and friends.

Upcoming CRV HOA Events

For planning purposes, here are some events (and a possible event) scheduled for the coming months.

- Jan. 10 Hard Rock Casino Trip
- Jan. 15 Open House
- Jan. 25 Health Fair
- Feb. 06 (XLV Super Bowl Party?)
- Feb. 19 Open House
- Mar. 19 Open House
- Mar. 26 Yard Sale*
- Apr. 02 Spring Fling

*(Note the Yard Sale date; start saving your stuff!)

CRV Clubhouse Library

(Editor - This article was in the August newsletter but since many of you were away then, I thought it was good information to share again.)

It takes a lot of time to refile books that are returned to our library. If you are able, would you please consider returning your book to the appropriate shelf yourself? It is a simple filing system. **Paperbacks** are located on the left wall of the room and are in alphabetical order by the author's last name. All **Hardcover books** are located on the shelves between the two entrance doors and are also in alphabetical order by the author's last name. **Romance novels** are located on the right wall above the puzzle cabinets, and are in no particular order. **Magazines** each have their own place on the shelves below the windows.

If you wish to donate personal books, simply put them on the appropriate shelf. We do stamp hardcover books "*Property of CRV Library.*" That stamp is available on the cart for you to mark the donated book before placing it on the shelf.

Thank you to all who are able to assist with this chore. It will keep our library looking neater, put popular books back into circulation sooner, and really help me out, especially when I am away for a few days and the books really pile up.

Carole Nye Polisson

Season's Greetings to All

Preferred Businesses

The Preferred Businesses listed on our web have been recommended by you the residents. These businesses have given courteous service, value and trust. In case you do not have access to a computer, we are listing them here so you can know who they are and support their businesses.

Citrus KIA
352-564-8668

Cypress Cove Care Center
Laura Sullivan - Administrator
352-795-8832

Brentwood Health Center
352-746-6600

Nature Coast Insurance Agency, Inc.
Kathy Sanders - Agent
352-795-0105

Bay Area AC and Heating
Dave Hutchins - Owner
352-795-2665

Jim Green Jewelers
352-563-0633

Canada Drugs/US Discount Meds
352-795-8876

Strickland Funeral Home
352-352-795-2678

Pack -n-Post
Barbi & Dale Nichols - Owners
352-795-1085



Olive Tree Restaurant
352-563-0075

Slender Ella's
Joyce Smigel - Owner
352-795-9991

Tranquility Massage
Marjorie Davis - Licensed Massage Therapist
352-564-7991

Citrus Technologies AC and Heating
J.R. Gallery
352-637-0247 / 352-422-8615

Crystal River Village - December 2010 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10am -Blood Pressure 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	2 8am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 9:00am - Exercise 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg	3 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 1pm - Craft Club 7pm - Men's Pool	4 10:30am - Horseshoes Show Palace Dinner Theatre
5 2 pm - Decorate the Clubhouse 	6 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker	7 8am- Men's Breakfast Ladies included 9:00am - Exercise 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Meeting	8 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	9 9:00am - Exercise 9:30am - Painting Grp 12 noon - LADIES LUNCHEON 1pm - Mah-jongg	10 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Men's Pool	11 8-10am - SAT MORN BREAKFAST 10:30am - Horseshoes
12	13 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - HOA Board	14 8am- Men's Breakfast 9:00am - Exercise 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 2:15 & 6 pm - Cart Parades	15 10am -Blood Pressure 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	16 9:00am - Exercise 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg 6pm - CHRISTMAS POT LUCK	17 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 1pm - Craft Club 7pm - Men's Pool	18 10:30am - Horseshoes
19	20 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker	21 8am- Men's Breakfast 9:00am - Exercise 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	22 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	23 9:00am - Exercise 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg	24 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Men's Pool	25 <i>Christmas</i>
26	27 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker	28 8am- Men's Breakfast 9:00am - Exercise 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	29 10am -Blood Pressure 1pm - Bridge No Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	30 9:00am - Exercise 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg	31 <i>New Year's Eve 7-10pm (12)- Ham & Hors d'oeuvres Party</i>	 <i>Happy 2011</i>

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