

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

You have probably noticed that I have been scarce in the past month. Most of you already know that Lynn has had a health issue that has taken much of my time. I thank everyone who has expressed concern and given assistance, especially the members of the Board and Committee Chairs who have stepped up to ensure all our activities have continued to flow smoothly. Many, many thanks for all your cards and caring. I am extremely proud to be a part of this community.

We have recently had three successful annual events in our Village. First, I have had a lot of positive feedback on our Halloween Party. Those who attended had a fun evening, thanks to Joan Helms and her team, and those who missed it missed a great event. Second, I hear the Veterans Day Service was a touching tribute. Many thanks to Woody and Trudy Wood for organizing this event and the refreshments, and to Kay Hrabec for her assistance in presenting Art Devlin's military career bio. And most recently, Thanksgiving dinner was another great success. Grateful thanks to Marsha Gibson and those who assisted her.

I continue to encourage people to participate in the activities in our Village. The new activities, Bible Study and Book Club are going well, and there is always room for more. The other activities are still going strong and newcomers are always welcome.

Now is that time of year when we reevaluate our lives and look to the future. As I said above, I am proud to be a part of Crystal River Village. I wish you all good health and happiness in the new year.

Carl Preston (#340) 795-6458

Time to Vote

December 6, 2011 is the HOA Annual Meeting. Residents will vote for Officers and 2 Board Directors for the coming year. If you will not be able to attend that meeting, please return your absentee ballot by email, regular mail, or drop it off to Chairman of the Nominations Committee Mal Hood as directed on your ballot. Be sure to mark your ballot for all offices not just those in which more than one candidate is running. Your ballot must be received by December 2 to be included in the count.

Come Deck the Clubhouse!

Join in the fun on Saturday, December 3. Gather at the Clubhouse at 10:00 am and combine your talents with other residents to decorate and create a festive atmosphere for the holiday season. While you work you can enjoy some traditional music, and maybe even sing a few carols. The coffee pot will be on and Santa might even have delivered a few donuts for your enjoyment.



Christmas Pot Luck

The Pot Luck on December 15 at 6:00 pm will be our CRV Christmas Party. There is no charge to residents for this event, guests will pay \$2 per person. Bring a dish to share, coffee and punch will be provided. Following the meal, residents will share in some Christmas songs, games, and holiday festivities.

The drawing for the "Holiday Basket of Good Cheer" Raffle will be held. Tickets for this basket, filled to the brim with lots of good beverages and holiday munchies, are \$10 each and available from any Board member. Only a few tickets remain. Proceeds will help replenish our legal fund.

CRV Christmas Cart Parade

Our annual Christmas Cart Parade will be on Saturday, December 17. Decorate your carts and meet near the boat parking area at 5:45 pm. We will circle the Village at 6 pm, sing some carols, then gather at the Clubhouse for hot chocolate. Contact Susie (#433) 794-4115 for more info.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

December Birthdays

5	Oliver Simon	(364)	15	Marsha Gibson	(420)
6	Keith Newell	(369)	15	Camden Long	(445)
7	Marilyn Boersma	(385)	16	Susan Perry	(391)
7	Marjorie Colson	(325)	17	Gloria Cate	(160)
7	Carol Dulaney	(517)	19	Barbara Bakes	(525)
7	Stella Fuks	(302)	20	Gloria Baker	(324)
10	Jane Bryan	(306)	21	Barbara Zinkiewicz	(526)
11	Gary Ammerman	(168)	25	Sherri Genung	(512)
11	Jeff Mohr	(494)	26	Lee Stiles	(386)
11	Nick Polisson	(313)	27	Richard Ballagh	(348)
12	Lorraine Fricke	(380)	30	Sharon Shull	(434)
13	Valerie O'Toole	(372)	30	Mary Stiles	(386)
14	Pat LaManna	(405)	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)
19	Randy & Marilyn Brown	(179)
30	Bill & Paula Blaylock	(005)

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

~Norman Vincent Peale

Bingo Jackpot Winners

Oct 26	Diane Bailey	\$169
Nov 02	Sharon Irwin	\$191
Nov 09	Maureen Price	\$102
	Lee Praytor	\$102
Nov 16	Shirley Clark	\$166
Nov 23	Georgia Davis	\$198

Bingo will continue to meet throughout all of December with no break.

In Memoriam

Our Village lost two residents in November. Margaret Kiesler, age 89, passed on November 2. She and her husband Vernon have been residents in #175 for a number of years. Margaret was an accomplished bridge player and enjoyed the Wednesday bridge group at the Clubhouse.

Ed Plissey, age 77, passed away on November 14 after a very brief illness. He and his wife, Marilyn, have been seasonal residents in #343 for just over a year. Ed was also a bridge player and enjoyed singing in Barbershop and the Sugarmill Chorale. He was a brother to Susie Lunney.

We send our sympathy to Vernon and Marilyn and their families and friends.

Note from Management... The temporary office is now closed. The rent box is available at all hours for drop off. Thank you for your patience.

HOA Home Sweet Home

The winners for December are:

Home Sweet Home Golden Award

Gary Ammerman & Bill Kuhn #168

Thanks guys, a nice tropical paradise.

Home Sweet Home Silver Award

Faye Cartner #422

Thanks Faye, you brighten the corner with a beautiful view.

HOA Home Sweet Home Committee

Bone Builders Has Resumed

Bone Builders is a strength training program which helps promote balance, coordination and mobility and is geared to older adults. Marylou Benedict has led this class for 2 years in our Village. The group now meets on Monday and Friday at 9:00 am at the Clubhouse. For more information contact Marylou (#174) at 352-794-6239 or simply show up. All are welcome to participate. Wear comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes or sneakers, and bring hand weights if you have them.

Shuffleboard

Oct 25	Judy Hood & Mal Hood
Nov 01	Don Buschbascher & Don Gibeau
Nov 08	Gary Ammerman & John Moore
Nov 15	Don Buschbascher & John Moore
Nov 22	Jim Brown & Ralph Falgiano

November HOA Meeting Summary

The November 1 HOA meeting opened with only 37 families represented and 6 Board members, so with no quorum it was an informational meeting only. Vice President Trudy Wood led the meeting in the absence of President Carl Preston.

The Treasurer's report was given. The Secretary reported that notes from the October meeting had been summarized in the newsletter and posted on the bulletin board.

Joan Helms gave a brief report on the successful Halloween Party. Joan and her Committee were thanked for all their work. Marsha Gibson reported on the upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner and reminded everyone of the 4:00 pm time and \$2.00 fee per person.

Mal Hood, Chairman of Nominations, introduced the two candidates for treasurer, Mary Gavaza and Trudy Wood, and the three candidates for director, Joan Helms, Joan Kenney, and Carole Nye Polisson. Each candidate gave a brief presentation of their qualifications for office. The Secretary announced that absentee ballots would be sent to email addresses that evening and hard copy absentee ballots would be delivered or mailed the following day. If you plan to attend the December meeting and vote, it is not necessary to submit an absentee ballot.

In Leo Lumpiesz' absence, Kay reported on the October Rent Committee's meeting with management. They will make an effort to make some repairs to the shuffleboard courts.

Don Buschbascher noted the hole in his front yard that has been there for several weeks; Bill Pickett commented on speeders in the park, and Faye Cartner asked that people observe stop signs in our Village.

Richard Wood reminded everyone of the upcoming Veterans Service on Friday, Nov 11 at 11:00 am, and that the Saturday Breakfast would be free for all CRV Veterans.

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

CRV HOA Membership

Please return your green annual Membership form with your dues of \$10 soon, if you have not done so yet. Membership cards will no longer be issued, your receipt will be your proof of membership. The form will be kept on file; if any of your information has changed, be sure to note it. Barbi Nichols has joined Gerry Caul on the Membership Committee. Forms may be turned in to either Gerry (#538) 794-3548 or Barbi (#349) 794-6539 or at a CRV activity to any HOA Board member.

CRV Book Club

The Club's next book choice will be decided at the meeting on Monday, December 5 at 10 am. If you would like to join, the group meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 10 am. For more information contact Joan Helms, (#416) 794-6220.

December Board Meeting Change

The December HOA Board meeting will be a week earlier, on Tuesday, December 13 to accommodate those members of the Board traveling for Christmas.

CRV Thanksgiving Dinner

The dinner had over 70 people in attendance, and ample food was available for all. Many thanks to Marsha Gibson for chairing this event and to the several volunteers who cooked the turkey and ham, helped set up, carve, and clean up after the dinner. Leftovers, enough for 18 meals, were boxed and taken to the Family Resource Center for the many homeless and needy in Citrus County.

December Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies Luncheon will be held on **Thursday, December 8** at noon at Thai-Phoon Restaurant located in the Big Lots Plaza in Crystal River. Your hostesses will be Rose Peckham (#447) 563-9381 and Dottie Matteson (#443) 795-8698. Signup sheets and a sample menu will be posted at the Clubhouse. All ladies of the Village are invited.

Remember ladies, your hostesses are making a commitment to a restaurant for a certain number to attend. The restaurant sets aside seats and plans for sufficient wait staff based on that number. If you have signed up and are unable to attend, please contact one of the hostesses as soon as possible.

CRV Fishing Report

Before you hit the road with your boat trailer here are some tips that are often forgotten. This checklist is the first step to keeping you ahead of any trouble.

1. Tires - Know your trailer tire's inflation (psi) and check before going out on a trip.
2. Bearings - Check the inside of trailer fenders for any indication of grease. If it's evident, a bearing seal is bad and needs to be replaced. Are your dust caps secured?
3. Lights - Have someone stand behind the trailer while you turn on the lights, the brake lights, and turn signals.
4. On trailers equipped with disc brakes, verify the reverse solenoid works correctly by gently backing the trailer and applying the brakes.
5. Safety Chains - They need to be crossed so that the trailer tongue is caught by the chains before hitting the pavement.
6. Coupler - Is it locked down on the hitch ball?
7. Outboard & Outdrive Motor should be in the up position for highway travel. If you have a transom saver, make sure it's attached.
8. Drain Plug - Put it in the boat before you start the trip. This way you'll know it's in place. The only time you shouldn't have the plug inserted is if you'll be driving through heavy rains.
9. Inspect Bunks and Rollers - Obviously, this is easier at the boat ramp without the boat on the trailer. Still, ensure that rollers turn with ease and aren't cracked, and look for excessive wear on the bunk carpeting.
10. Tie-Downs - Check each to make certain the strap has been secured and is locked in place. Do the same for tie-downs that attach to the transom. Finally, check the condition of the winch strap attached to the bow eye. If you have a secondary strap/chain that attaches from the bow to the trailer, make sure it's secure.

If you would like to go fishing or just take a trip up the Rainbow River, stop by lot #364 or phone 220-6068. Your fishing friend, Ollie Simon

Family Resource Center

It's not too late to help give a needy Citrus County child a wonderful Christmas. You can also drop off food at the Clubhouse in the bin provided. Contact Lee & Mary Stiles (#386) 564-0391 to learn ways you can help show the spirit of Christmas.

CRV Halloween Party

This year's Halloween Party was another great success. About 75 attended, enjoyed the pork dinner and fixings prepared by Don Hudson, and were entertained by the music provided by the Carriers.

There were many in great costumes. The winners were:

Funniest: 50's swinger Faye Cartner

Scariest: Swamp Creature J Lee

Most Original: Wine Barrel Jeff Mohr

Best couple: Wild West Bartender Jim Gavaza & Geisha Mary Gavaza

Best All-around: Hobo Gloria Baker

(Gloria was also a mystery person; most did not know her identity until she was chosen.)

Grateful thanks to Joan Helms and her team for doing such a wonderful job with this event. The decorations created an inviting, fun atmosphere. And thanks to those who helped support recycling by taking their bottles and cans home. Many noted that we need to get a big blue bin for Clubhouse use.

Photos of the evening, provided by Bud Shott, can be viewed by going to Community News on our website, and click on the link in Village photos.

CRV New Year's Eve

On Saturday, December 31 the HOA will host a New Year's Eve Ham & Hors d'oeuvres Party at the Clubhouse. The charge is \$3 per person. The HOA will provide the ham and sandwich essentials along with coffee and punch; the rest of the food will be pot luck. Bring your favorite side dish, appetizers, or snacks to share, along with your own special beverage. We will gather at 7:00 pm to listen to some music, share memories from the past year and drink a toast to a new and better year in 2012. An early celebration will be held at 10:00 pm. Those who wish may stay for a traditional midnight celebration.

Did You See Anything Suspicious?

In early November, sometime before Veterans Day, the seasonal decorations were taken from the front porch of Suzanne Dost's unit #399. If this was a prank, please let Suzanne know. Otherwise, residents should be aware and watchful. If you noticed anything suspicious, please contact her.

Suzanne Dost (#399) 727-255-9255

Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events in 2012

Tuesday, January 10: CRV Spaghetti Dinner

This fundraiser will be held at the Clubhouse with Don Hudson as chef. The price is \$8 per person. Look for more information next month.

Monday, January 23: Hard Rock Casino Trip

The cost for this trip is \$20, which includes the bus trip to Tampa, \$25 in free play credit, and a \$5 food voucher. The bus leaves our Clubhouse at 8:30 am and returns to CRV by about 6:00 pm. Sign up on bulletin board by January 15.

Wednesday, January 25: CRV Health Fair

BloodSouth will be here and also about 25 vendors providing information on health issues and prevention. Most vendors will be giving door prizes. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

Saturday, February 4: CRV Open House

The cost is \$20 for those who advertise on our website and \$40 for those not on our web. The fee covers this Open House and the one scheduled for March 10. Contact Suzanne Dost (#399) 727-255-9255, coordinator of this event for more information.

Wednesday, February 15: Military Card Party

The fee for this event which begins at noon and includes lunch is \$12. Carole Nye Polisson, Art & Maryann Devlin, and Lee Horner will coordinate.

Sunday, March 4: Key West Trip

This 3-day event includes a deluxe motor coach, 2 hotel nights with free continental breakfast in Florida City, an Airboat Ride and Alligator Show. The coach leaves at 7:00 am Sunday and returns late Tuesday, March 6. The cost per person is \$149. You must sign up and pay the total by February 2. More information is available on the bulletin board.

Saturday, March 10: CRV Open House

See February 4 Open House for more information.

Mid March, around St. Patrick's Day:

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Watch for more information on date and time of this event in upcoming newsletters.

Saturday, March 31: Annual CRV Yard Sale

This fundraiser takes place on the lawn area near the front gate. You may donate items to the HOA or rent your own table. Items are always needed; it is a good time to clean out your closets and shed. For more information, or to arrange pick-up of larger items, contact a member of the Board.

Saturday, April 14: Spring Fling

Mark your calendars for this fun event. The theme has not been decided yet, but will include dinner and music for listening and dancing.

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Veterans Day Service

The Veterans Day Service on November 11, 2011 at 11:00 am at the Clubhouse was led by Richard (Woody) Wood, and attended by about 44 residents. Dennis Lunney served as Chaplain and offered an invocation and benediction. Bill Pickett, serving as Provost Marshal, presented the colors and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.




Art Devlin, the second Veteran honored in our CRV Veterans History Project, was introduced. Kay Hrabec, who worked with Art preparing his notes and information, read his biography and shared maps and photos from his time of service. Veterans in attendance were recognized. Woody then handed out cards (as shown) for each of us to give to any person in uniform as a thank you for their service. If you would like some to hand out, please contact Woody (#523) at 563-2612.



Saturday Breakfast

The December 10th Christmas Breakfast will be an all-you-can-eat event for \$5.00 per person. We will be serving French toast, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, sausage, potatoes, scrambled eggs, and Eggs Benedict. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there, with singing and lots of fun. Come visit with all your CRV neighbors. See you Saturday the 10th.

Crystal River Village - December 2011 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8 am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg	2 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Men's Pool	3 10 am - Decorate The Clubhouse 10:30am - Horseshoes
4	5 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	6 8am - Men's Breakfast Ladies included 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA ANNUAL MEETING	7 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	8 9 am - Bone Builders 10 am - Painting Grp 12 noon - LADIES LUNCHEON 1 pm - Mah-jongg	9 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Men's Pool	10 8-10am -SAT MORN BREAKFAST 10:30am - Horseshoes
11	12 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 7pm - Poker 7pm - Women's Pool	13 8am - Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Board	14 10am -Blood Pressure 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	15 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg 6pm - CHRISTMAS POT LUCK	16 9am - Bone Builders 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Cards & Games 7pm - Men's Pool	17 10:30am - Horseshoes
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