

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

This is my last President's message. I would like to impress on everyone how important the HOA is to our Village. It is not a social club, even though we sponsor social activities which help to foster friendship and harmony in our community. It is the only advocate group our members have to represent them as a body. And come rent time, that is extremely important.

Our HOA voted in July 2011 to have all events sponsored by the HOA be self supporting by having the sale of tickets cover all expenses. This policy ensures that our treasury will stay solvent. Even though we have Chapter 723 to protect our rights, most of it has to be enforced through the court system, which requires an attorney. Attorneys cost money, so our HOA needs to maintain a strong treasury.

This month we will elect a new HOA Board. We are fortunate to have bylaws that allow each of us to vote, even if we cannot attend the meeting. I encourage you to take advantage of that opportunity. A new Board will bring changes. Many things will be different, but much will stay the same. I urge you to give the new Board time to get their feet on the ground. I wish them all the best.

I thank the many, many people who have worked so diligently with me over the last five years. It has been an honor to be your HOA President.

Carl Preston 795-6458

Decorate the Clubhouse

Would you like to help "*deck the hall with boughs of holly*" or assist with trimming a tree? Come to the Clubhouse on **Saturday, December 8 at 3:00 pm**. Combine your talents with other residents to create a festive atmosphere for the holiday season. You can enjoy some traditional Christmas music while you work, and maybe even sing a few carols. The coffee pot will be on so come join in the fun.

Pot Luck Christmas Party

Our December Pot Luck will be our Christmas Party. It will be held on **Friday, December 14 at 6:00 pm** at the Clubhouse. There is no charge to HOA members 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.

Other Holiday Activities

These are the only holiday events scheduled so far. Watch the bulletin board for notices of other possible activities.
Your Newsletter Editor

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 is filled to the brim with lots of good beverages and holiday treats to help make your season enjoyable.

There are still a few tickets available. Contact any HOA Board member. They are \$10 each, and only 80 tickets are being sold. The lucky winner's name will be drawn on **December 14** at the Pot Luck Christmas Party. You do not need to be present to win.

~The HOA Board

Time to Vote

Don't forget the HOA meeting on **December 4, 2012**. We will be voting on new Officers and Directors for 2013. If you will not be able to attend the meeting, please return your absentee ballot by email, regular mail, or drop it off to Kay Hrabec at 1001 SE Lillian Street. Your absentee ballot must be received by **Dec.1** to be included in the count.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

December Birthdays

5 Oliver Simon	11 Dot Shumway
6 Keith Newell	12 Lorraine Fricke
7 Marilyn Boersma	13 Valerie O'Toole
7 Marjorie Colson	14 Pat LaManna
7 Carol Dulaney	15 Marsha Gibson
10 Jane Bryan	15 Camden Long
11 Gary Ammerman	16 Susan Perry
11 Jeff Mohr	17 Gloria Cate
11 Nick Polisson	19 Barbara Bakes

December Anniversaries

20 Gloria Baker	4 Ronald & Nancy Baxley
21 Barbara Zinkiewicz	6 Gerald & Faye Phillips
25 Sherri Genung	15 Dennis & Renee Bailey
26 Mike Russell	16 Ken & Michele Gigante
26 Lee Stiles	19 Randy & Marilyn Brown
27 Richard Ballagh	20 Michael & Theresa Hongach
29 Charlotte Oates	22 Jim & Diana Madden
30 Mary Stiles	30 Bill & Paula Blaylock
30 Roberta Humason	

HOA Home Sweet Home

We are ending the Home Sweet Home monthly awards. Thanks to everyone who made it a success. Keep up the good work. Be sure and enjoy all the beautiful Christmas decorations in the Village.

~HOA Home Sweet Home Committee

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 are posted on the bulletin board.

Shelly Lumpiesz & Trudy Wood

2013 Membership Forms

Gerry Caul, our Membership Chairperson, reports that she has already received many renewals for the coming year. Before you turn in your pink form (enclosed in last month's newsletter) please be sure your directory and emergency contact information is correct. Note any changes so the website directory listing can be updated.

The HOA Membership Fee for 2013 remains the same as previous years, **\$10 per year**. Return your fee along with the form to **Geraldine Caul, 979 SE Nature Coast Lane, 794-3548**. Your 2012 HOA membership expires January 31, 2013.

Bingo Jackpot Winners

Oct 31	Jean Robbins	\$189
Nov 07	Deb Proctor	\$166
Nov 14	Helen Dowd	\$152
Nov 21	Jean Robbins	\$174

From the Bingo Table

Another month has gone by and we have all survived turkey day. Hopefully we all had some special things for which to be thankful. The turnout for Bingo on the day before Thanksgiving was small, but we still had \$15 games. We will have Bingo the day after Christmas, December 26.

Barbi and I thank everyone who comes and supports HOA Bingo. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bingo Chairpersons
Barbi Nichols & Richard Wood

Shuffleboard

Oct 23	Jim Brown & Bud Shott
Oct 30	Jim Brown & Mal Hood
Nov 06	Mert Brown & Alba Falgiano
Nov 13	Gary Ammerman & Stan Vogt
Nov 20	Don Gibeau & Shirley Peterson

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 the group, contact **Bud Shott at 352-220-6060**.

November HOA Meeting Summary

The November 6, 2012 meeting of the HOA had 47 households in attendance, plus 7 members of the Board. Vice President Leo Lumpiesz was absent. Since there was not a quorum, it was an unofficial meeting. After the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Virginia Mahnke and Carl Davis.

October meeting notes are posted on the bulletin board. A thank you note from Ginger West from the Family Resource Center was read thanking everyone who donated at the recent special birthday party. The Treasurer's report for October was read.

Committee reports were given. Aluminum can collection was down this month, perhaps because it came so early in the month and residents forgot. Bingo attendance is improving. Helping Hands is still available, but has not had any calls recently. Membership reminded people to return the pink forms with their renewals. Harry Rundle reminded everyone about the Veterans Day Service on Nov. 12. Saturday Breakfast will resume on Nov. 17. The Pot Luck Christmas Party will be held on Friday, Dec. 14.

Kay Hrabec reported on the most recent meeting with Management on October 25. Items discussed were the health of the big lake, and flood prevention measures on SE Buddy Avenue and Sweet Bay's involvement in this problem. Also discussed were the lawn mowing schedule, covering of the pool, testing the entry gates, and ongoing gate code problems.

Demas Brubacher, Chairman of Nominations Committee, introduced candidates for office for 2013. Those present gave a brief overview of their interests and qualifications. Absentee ballots have been emailed or delivered to all members. Toni Imbasciani suggested an increase in annual dues be considered. The Board will take her suggestion under advisement. Mary Stiles still has needy children to be adopted for Christmas. Laura Autovino requested steps for the dumpster. That will be brought to management's attention.

Brenda King mentioned the soap in the ladies room is often out. That is not an HOA responsibility. Residents are urged to contact the Office with such issues, like general maintenance in the park, lake quality, and supplies in the rest rooms. Please call with respect, but do call repeatedly if necessary. These are all amenities that are included in our monthly rent.

Bob Hrabec reported that at the recent CCCC meeting, Senator Charles Dean and House Representative Jimmy Smith requested that complaints or issues about the park be sent to them in writing or via e-mail. They will address your issues, but can't do it on hearsay alone.

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

New CRV Residents

Many homes have sold in our Village in recent weeks. Three of them are on the same street, SE Plumbob Way. Charlie Schlosser has moved into 1849 SE Plumbob. He is from MD and is a full time resident. Near the other end, Norman and Betty Jo Norris will be seasonal residents at 1724 SE Plumbob. And somewhere in the middle, James Roberts has purchased at 1778 SE Plumbob and will be a full time resident.

Other new residents are Ed and Linda Chasse from VA, who recently purchased at 978 SE Nature Coast Lane. Their friends, Bruce and Edna Wells from NH, have purchased at 1900 SE Ringo Place. Both couples will be part time residents. They presently spend their winters in Winter Haven, FL, but decided to relocate to the west coast of FL.

We welcome all these new residents to our Village.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner was delicious. 54 residents and guests attended and brought a wonderful assortment of side dishes to accompany the turkey, gravy and ham provided by the HOA. Many thanks to Marsha Gibson who chaired this event, even as she was recuperating from pneumonia.

Ladies Luncheon

The December Ladies Luncheon will be held at noon on **December 13th** at Thai-Phoon Restaurant. Your hostesses are Rose Peckham, 563-9831 and Dottie Matteson, 795-8698. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Clubhouse. All Ladies of the Village are invited. We always have a fun time sharing the holiday spirit with our friends and neighbors at this event.

Family Resource Center It's Almost Christmas!!

Many of you have already sponsored children -- and Destiny, Connor, Logan, Mikhail, Jazmyne, Niya, Liel, Dakota, Lucas, Mike, Kayla, Kristina, Jessica, and Shelby thank you very much.

The Family Resource Center still has many children waiting for sponsors. Last year we helped provide a wonderful Christmas for almost 2000 deserving children in Citrus County. All of the children have been referred to us by Social Service Agencies.

We still have children waiting for Crystal River Village. Thomas is 12 years old, Justin is 13, and the girls - Aliyah is 5, Kylie is 6 and little Jazmen is 2 and mostly needs a warm jacket, but would really love a baby doll! We have a fact sheet with all the information regarding each child, with his or her favorite color, interest, as well as sizes and most needed and most wanted items. This is not meant as a shopping list, just suggestions.

It's hard to believe there are so many families in Citrus County needing help for their children at Christmas. If you are interested in helping, please let us know.

Many thanks from Ginger West, Director, and all the Christmas elves!

Mary & Lee Stiles, 564-0391
cell 630-207-8112

Halloween Party Costumes

We had some great costumes at our Halloween Party. Fancy flapper Shelly Lumpiesz, J Lee as Dracula's bride, Lorraine Fricke as a skeleton, Ray Barger's skeleton gorilla, mysterious monk Vernon Kiesler, and Jim & Diana Madden as a devilish matador and his bride were scary, creative or mysterious, and sometimes all three at once. The best overall was Barbi Nichols as a zombie. Helen Pelzer and her daughter Kim, as Dorothy and the Wicked Witch, took second place honors. And Dennis & Renee Bailey as the devil and his sexy bride took third place.

Over 80 people enjoyed the music of the Carriers and had a great time. Shirley Decker and her team did a wonderful job planning and decorating for this party. You can see photos from this fun event on our website in Village Photos.

CRV Veterans Day Service

A well-attended and moving Veterans Day service was held on Monday, Nov. 12 at our Clubhouse. There were 74 in attendance, which included 19 Veterans.

Chairman of the event, Harry Rundle, introduced Bill Pickett, Jr. who opened the service with a prayer. Then Kay Hrabec introduced the next Veteran to be honored in our CRV Veterans History Project, Bill Pickett, Sr. Carole Frank, Bill's daughter, did a great job relating her father's lengthy military career in the Army. Bill and Judy's other two daughters, Patty and Bobbie, were also in attendance, along with son Bill, and his wife Jackie.

Later, Harry introduced all the Veterans present who stood and announced their military branch and tour of service. Susie Lunney closed the service by leading the singing of *God Bless America*, then cake and refreshments were served.

Thank you to Harry Rundle, who did a great job organizing this event. You can view photos of this event by going to Village Photos on our website.

Saturday Breakfast

The Saturday Breakfast was restarted last month and almost 60 people attended. Everyone cleaned their plates so they must have enjoyed it. Orders were made up as they were received, and went out on hot plates. There was a lot of camaraderie and fellowship over the two hours.

The next breakfast will be held on **Saturday, December 8, from 8-10:00 am**. Please come and give it a try.

CRV Library News

We have had a large number of jigsaw puzzles donated to our library and they get a lot of use. Recently, many puzzles with missing pieces were removed to make room for others that are still intact. If you complete a puzzle and discover it has one or two pieces missing, please mark it so others will know. If the puzzle has a lot of pieces missing, why not just dispose of it, instead of returning it to the Library. Also, if you put the pieces in a zippered bag and place the bag inside the box, it keeps them from getting lost if the box should open accidentally.

Thanks, Carole Nye Polisson

FMO News & Information

The Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida, Inc., more popularly known as the FMO, continues to work for us in Tallahassee. State-owned Citizens Insurance Company, its inept leadership, and the effects of its most recent missteps were primary issues of the FMO article in the October 2012 Newsletter. Its latest dumb decision was to fire the oversight group integral to its legal formation. The FMO sure has its work cut out for it in this regard, but surely the Florida Legislature will help rein in the incompetency in this very public embarrassment.

Another primary focus of that article was the critical need for residents of parks like ours to join in supporting FMO efforts by becoming members in good standing. I appreciate very much the three people who contacted me for membership forms since then. So many new people have moved into our Village, it is hard for one person to contact each one. You who are old hats at supporting our HOA and FMO could perform a great service by contacting and encouraging these new residents to join. Susie or I will be only too happy to supply the forms and envelopes to complete the deal, if you will help by paving the way. It does indeed take a Village!

The last major focus of that FMO article was inviting you to receive your FMO News via e-mail as opposed to a paper copy by snail mail. This will dramatically reduce the cost of production, mailing, and handling costs. And please remember to log on to the FMO website, www.fmo.org, and be pleasantly surprised at how much information you can access. Use your member number (located above your name on the mailing address label) and your Florida zip code.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a Happy New Year.

Dennis Lunney, FMO Representative

Thanks to all my Friends

Heartfelt thanks to all the CRV friends who helped my family celebrate my 75th birthday recently at Crackers Restaurant. Over 100 people attended, and we had a wonderful time. I was very pleased and touched to have so many friends gather in my honor.

Thelma Bachert

Dog Owners in CRV

Our Park guidelines require that all pets be on a leash when they are outside. This rule protects residents as well as their pets. When a pet owner allows their dog to run free, it puts other residents and that pet in jeopardy. Imagine how you would feel if your dog caused a fellow resident to trip and fall? Or imagine how someone else would feel if they accidentally ran over your beloved dog with a car or golf cart, because it was not on a leash, or not being held securely?

We have a great number of lovely little dogs in our Community, and like people they all have their own unique personalities. Some dogs are friendlier than others, and may even demand one's attention. If a resident is on a blood thinner, as many are, your pet's tiny claws can do a lot of damage if they jump up, causing unnecessary bleeding or even infection.

We ask all dog owners to please be considerate of your fellow residents. Keep your pet on a leash, don't let it jump up, and as always, scoop the poop!

Thanks for Your Service


The outcome of the election for HOA Officers for 2013 is still unknown. But we do know who will not be on our Board next year, and they will be missed.

Outgoing President Carl Preston has served in that capacity for 5 years. Carl also previously served as a Director, as Vice President, and then as the Acting President for part of the year before being elected as President in 2008. He led our HOA with a steady hand through difficult years of mediation and litigation with the Owners of CRV. This past year he has had serious family issues to deal with, so decided it was best not to run for a final year. Our HOA is grateful for his many years of dedicated service. Thank you, Carl.

Outgoing Secretary Kay Hrabec was named Acting Secretary early in 2010 when the elected secretary left his position. This was at a critical time in our Mediation process, and Kay stepped in and did an outstanding job. She has served our HOA well, with skill and integrity. Her extensive preparation for our court hearing was exceptional. Many thanks, Kay. You have earned a rest!

Suzanne Dost and Lee Horner completed their terms as Directors and chose not to run again. We thank them for their service. Our HOA cannot survive without dedicated volunteers.

Crystal River Village - December 2012 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:30 am - Horseshoes
2	3 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30 am - CRV Golf 10 am - Book Club 6 pm - Women's Pool 6:30 pm - Poker	4 8 am - Men's Breakfast Ladies included 10 am - Shuffleboard 1 pm - Dominos 7 pm - HOA Meeting	5 10 am - Bible Study 1 pm - Bridge 7 pm - Bingo 7 pm - Men's Pool	6 8 am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg	7 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30 am - CRV Golf 1 pm - Cards & Games 1 pm - Craft Class 6:30 pm - Poker	8 8-10 am -SAT MORN BREAKFAST 10:30 am - Horseshoes 3 pm - DECORATE THE CLUBHOUSE
9	10 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30 am - CRV Golf 6 pm - Women's Pool 6:30 pm - Poker	11 8 am - Men's Breakfast 10 am - Shuffleboard 1 pm - Dominos	12 10 am - Bible Study 1 pm - Bridge 7 pm - Bingo 7 pm - Men's Pool	13 10 am - Blood Pressure 10 am - Painting Grp 12 noon - LADIES LUNCHEON 1 pm - Mah-jongg	14 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30 am - CRV Golf 1 pm - Cards & Games 6 pm - CHRISTMAS POT LUCK	15 10:30 am - Horseshoes
16	17 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30 am - CRV Golf 10 am - Book Club 6 pm - Women's Pool 6:30 pm - Poker	18 8 am - Men's Breakfast 10 am - Shuffleboard 1 pm - Dominos 7 pm - HOA Board	19 10 am - Bible Study 1 pm - Bridge 7 pm - Bingo 7 pm - Men's Pool	20 10 am - Painting Grp 1 pm - Mah-jongg	21 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30 am - CRV Golf 1 pm - Cards & Games 1 pm - Craft Class 6:30 pm - Poker	22 10:30 am - Horseshoes
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