

# CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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### **The President's Message**

Well, Neighbors, we are all starting to get a little anxious, to say the least.

Spring has sprung, and the sunshine and beautiful blooms are calling our names for the great outdoors. Meanwhile, Covid-19 is keeping us in limbo.

Federal, state and local officials continue to struggle with the virus, how to reduce the spread, yet allow folks and the economy to proceed.

With that said, lots of folks are wanting to start seeing life get back to some kind of normalcy. We are itching for things to open up and to resume some of the activities we enjoy most. I want to ensure everyone that Legacy Communities is following guidelines set forth by Federal CDC, State of Florida, and local officials for the guidance on making the decision of re-opening the pool and clubhouse.

They have stated "that they will make the decision carefully over the next few days/weeks." I ask that everyone please be patient with the decision-making process.

These are trying times for many and the decisions do not come lightly or easily for anyone of these folks that have to bear the responsibility of tough choices. Try to keep in mind that their decisions are in place to protect us from the virus and its spread.

At this time, there will be no General Meeting for May and as Bill has stated below, all calendar activities are canceled until further notice. As we learn of Legacy's decisions we will notify everyone via email.

Stayed Tuned, Stay Safe and Stay Healthy.

Keep in Mind- God Willing the Sun is Going to Keep Shining!!

A Little Bit From Each of Us - Goes A Long Ways.

**Rhonda Distel (352-212-6090)**

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### **Village Beautification Projects Looking Great**

Even as we continue to sit and wait out this terrible COVID 19 coronavirus, it's amazing to see that in times of adversity, we pull up our socks and look to doing something that'll have a positive impact on all of us.

In a matter of weeks, the Village has seen a dramatic transformation to the community entrance and median leading to the clubhouse, which has also received a significant facelift.

The landscaping crew did a great job planting and transplanting, upgrading the sprinkler system and laying down brown bark groundcover around the existing trees and newly planted flowerbeds.

Look for the palm trees along the causeway between our beautiful lakes to be lighted up at night before too long. The landscapers also laid electrical lines to each tree which are going to look awesome at night.

Doug, Bobby and the rest of the groundskeepers have been pretty busy on the exterior of the village along the newly placed white fence line. They've been planting palm trees and other plants along that whole area, installing irrigation for those new additions. Can't wait to see everything in full bloom!

I sure am glad these guys are considered “essential” workers. I don’t see how this community would look and function without them. Thanks, guys.

The village beautification projects don’t end there. Take a walk around the village and you notice just about everyone’s been busy cleaning, planting, updating and really putting a lot of effort into improving and maintaining our homes.

Kudos to Legacy for continuing to improve the grounds and facilities in Crystal River. And Kudos to all of our residents who are hanging in there in this difficult time and really making a difference in our surroundings.

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## **Village-wide bulk tree-trimming coming soon, part of hurricane prep**

The days are getting longer and summer is fast-approaching, which means it’s time to put our “Hurricane Preparedness” hats on. With temperatures expected to be pretty warm over the Gulf waters this year, chances are that we’ll see some wind at some point.

As part of seasonal preparations for the June to November hurricane season, the Village is getting ready for some tree-trimming of the significantly larger trees in the neighborhood.

Village management is contracting with a firm to do the bulk of that trimming and Regina Miller, CRV property manager has offered to see if residents who would like some trimming done would like to take advantage of this opportunity. If you’ve got some branches you’re concerned about, give Regina a call at 352-795-7161. There may be an opportunity to have that done at the same time and maybe, maybe, at less cost? Only one way to find out.

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## **Hurricane preparedness serious business on the coast**

Speaking of hurricane preparedness, now’s the time to start putting things together to make sure you’ll have what you need, when you need it. From bottled water to hurricane shutters, there’s a lot to think about. Now’s the time to educate yourself on evacuation routes, emergency equipment supplies and how to secure your outside furniture in the event you have to leave. The Citrus County Chronicle has a website with all kinds of information and downloadable checklists at the following website:

[https://www.chronicleonline.com/news/hurricane\\_guide/](https://www.chronicleonline.com/news/hurricane_guide/)

It’s never too early to start planning. We’ve got a little extra time on our hands these days.

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## **Near-misses prompt call for attentive driving**

“SLOW DOWN YOUR DRIVING AND DRIVERS NOT STOPPING AT STOP SIGNS IN CRYSTAL RIVER VILLAGE PARK!”

That’s the message I got a couple of weeks ago and I have to admit, I’ve noticed some of those same issues in the year since Jackie and I have lived in the village.

One of our favorite daily activities here is to jump in the golf cart a couple of times a day and take a circuit around the village. Great way to see our neighbors and catch up on all the updates going on around us.

Since the coronavirus, it seems there’s even MORE golf carts, cars, bicycles, walkers, runners, fishermen, roller-bladers, etc., than I’ve ever seen here. Which is great!!!!

But...with all that activity going on we really need to be aware of our surroundings. Stop signs are posted for a pretty good reason – to prevent accidents and make sure we’re paying attention to what’s going on around us.

And there is a 15-mile-per-hour speed limit in the village, again for safety reasons. Anything faster is just too dangerous with all the activity taking place. And that limit applies to golf carts, too. And all of you Ironman-training bicyclists!

Remember to look out for those on the road when you're leaving our driveway, as well. It can be hard sometimes to see an approaching golf cart or bike.

Let's all stay safe out there.

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## **Aluminum can pick-up on hold, can still be dropped off at Clubhouse**

There will be no pickup for aluminum cans until further notice due to Coronavirus, according to our resident aluminumologist Mike Kinnison. Usually picked up at curbside on the first Thursday of the month, the cans are collected and sold to recyclers, with the money going back into the HOA fund. Residents are reminded that you may still drop-off cans at the clubhouse near the bulletin board entrance door if you don't want to have floor-to-ceiling sacks of cans out on the porch.

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### **Congratulations & Best Wishes!**

#### **May Birthdays**

02 Helen Emery	16 Dennis Lodrini
03 Gloria Kinnison	17 Cliff Williams
04 Sharon Dingman	22 Kimberley Ranshaw
07 Ron Lugo	23 Shirley Decker
08 Richard Emery	24 Stan Vogt
09 Bud Shott	26 Donna Cates
10 Rose Bourque	27 Wayne Finman
11 tom Beaudry	30 Angie Burton
13 Sally Blodgett	
15 Howard Cox	
15 Stephen D'Andrea	

#### **May Anniversaries**

01 John & Patti Olenik
06 Wayne & Lynne Finman
09 Art & Mie Norton
22 Kerry & Chris Smith
22 Jerry & Janell Smith
24 Ed & Linda Bell

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## **New CRV Residents**

We've added a couple of new people to the resident population here at Crystal River Village. Let's welcome the following new residents and let them know they're important members of this awesome community.

David and Deidre Ford  
Claire Bradstreet

1848 Joan Rollins Road  
1733 SE Ringo Place

As we say goodbye to our seasonal friends from up north, several properties are up for sale in the village. I'm sure we'll be welcoming more new residents in the not-too-distant future.

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## **No butts about it!!**

Several residents have asked that those of us who smoke please remember your surroundings and try to not to impact others with second-hand smoke. Many residents have lung-related issues that can be worsened by exposure to that second-hand smoke. There's also been an increase of cigarette butts tossed on the ground, especially around the benches and gazebos that line the lake. Please be considerate and don't leave cigarette butts laying around. Every little bit helps in maintaining our beautiful surroundings.

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## **Please pick-up after your pets – let's all be responsible neighbors!**

It has come to village management's attention that our mowers and maintenance staff have been affected by residents not cleaning up after their pets.

Management remind pet owners that they are responsible for picking up after your pet has done its business. Also, you must have your pet on a leash when outside.

Our pets are a big part of our family and we are fortunate that we live in a community that includes them. So please, make sure you carry waste bags with you when on your walks and be sure to use them. (Tie a few along the leash). These rules should be taken seriously, pass them on to your guests, your pet walkers and pet sitters as well.

If you see someone not cleaning up after their pets, let them know. Having pets is a privilege; let's be responsible and pick up after them.

Our mowers and maintenance staff are not responsible for cleaning up after any pet. No further warnings will be given in this regard. You will be held responsible for not picking up after your pet. Please respect your neighborhood and the staff that works hard to keep it beautiful!

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## **Did You Know...? Cinco de Mayo**

**Cinco de Mayo**, Spanish for "Fifth of May") is an annual celebration held on May 5. The date is observed to commemorate the Mexican Army's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, under the leadership of General Ignacio Zaragoza. The victory of the smaller Mexican force against a larger French force was a boost to morale for the Mexicans. Zaragoza died months after the battle due to illness. A year after the battle, a larger French force defeated the Mexican army at the Second Battle of Puebla, and Mexico City soon fell to the invaders.

In the United States, Cinco de Mayo has taken on a significance beyond that in Mexico. More popularly celebrated in the United States than Mexico, the date has become associated with the celebration of Mexican-American culture. These celebrations began in California, where they have been observed annually since 1863. The day gained nationwide popularity in the 1980s thanks especially to advertising campaigns by beer and wine companies. Today, Cinco de Mayo generates beer sales on par with the Super Bowl.

In Mexico, the commemoration of the battle continues to be mostly ceremonial, such as through military parades or battle reenactments. The city of Puebla marks the event with an arts festival, a festival of local cuisine, and re-enactments of the battle.

Cinco de Mayo is sometimes mistaken for Mexico's Independence Day—the most important national holiday in Mexico—which is celebrated on September 16, commemorating the Cry of Dolores, which initiated the war of Mexican independence from Spain.<sup>1</sup>

The Battle of Puebla was significant, both nationally and internationally, for several reasons. First, although considerably outnumbered, the Mexicans defeated a better-equipped French army. This battle was significant in that the 4,000 Mexican soldiers were greatly outnumbered by the well-equipped French army of 8,000 that had not been defeated for almost 50 years.

Second, since the Battle of Puebla, some have argued that no country in the Americas has subsequently been invaded by any other European military force. Historian Justo Sierra has written in his *Political Evolution of the Mexican People* that, had Mexico not defeated the French in Puebla on May 5, 1862, France would have gone to the aid of the Confederate States of America in the American Civil War and the United States' destiny would have been different.

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**Editor's Note: Information for upcoming newsletters should be submitted to the editor (me) at [pickett.bill@yahoo.com](mailto:pickett.bill@yahoo.com) no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the next month's issue. This leaves enough lead time to get product put together and printed. Thanks for your help. If there's more going on, let's hear about it!!**

**Bill Pickett**

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**THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS IS SUBJECT TO THE FACILITIES BEING MADE AVAILABL FOR USE AND THE LIFTING OF SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS IMPLEMENTED TO COMBAT THE COVID 19 CORONAVIRUS. AS OF NOW, ALL MAYEVENTS ARE ON HOLD.**

# Crystal River Village - May 2020 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30 am - CRV Golf 1 pm - Cards & Games 6:30 pm - Poker	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30 am - CRV Golf 10 am - Crafting 6:30 pm - Poker	<b>5</b> 7:30 am - Men's Breakfast 9 am - Bone Builders 10 am - Shuffleboard 12:30 pm – Dominos 7 pm - Men's Pool	<b>6</b> 10 am - Bible Study 12:30 pm - Mah-jongg 1 pm - Bridge 7 pm - Bingo	<b>7</b> 8 am – Aluminum can pickup 10 am - Painting Grp 12:30 pm – Tri-ominoes 1 pm - Art Instruction	<b>8</b> 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30 am - CRV Golf 1 pm - Cards & Games 6:30 pm - Poker	<b>9</b> 8-10 am - <b>SATURDAY            BREAKFAST</b>
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