

# CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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### The President's Message

December 1<sup>st</sup> - only twenty three more shopping days until Christmas. It is difficult to believe that Christmas 2016 is arriving soon, not to mention New Year's 2017. With that being said, the holidays bring us visits from family and friends and for some, holiday traveling. Be careful and safe if you are traveling, and if you have family or guests visiting, please remind them that the maximum speed limit in the community is 15MPH.

During this time of year we have our greatest Village population plus guests, and an increase in dog walkers, bicyclists, walkers and joggers. Most are seniors, and extra caution is necessary. If you have younger guests or family members visiting who will be operating a golf cart, please monitor their driving habits and explain the need for safety.

Our Christmas Party will be celebrated on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the monthly Pot Luck. Louise Hosie and Joan Helms will be hosting the dinner. Please bring your favorite dish to share. The HOA will be supplying a meat entrée of pork loin. This is a great opportunity to wish your friends and neighbors a Merry Christmas.

New Year's Eve will be celebrated with an early count down at 10:00 pm. Please bring a dish or snack to share; a meat entry will be provided by the HOA. This is a safe way to welcome in the New Year without venturing on to the main roads.

On behalf of myself and the HOA Board, I wish each and every CRV resident, the Management team, and maintenance department a *Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

Leo Lumpiesz 1-231-620-7762

### Christmas Pot Luck Party

This month's Pot Luck will be our HOA Christmas Party and will be held at 6:00 pm on Thursday December 15. All residents are invited to come and share some holiday spirit in the gaily decorated hall with your fellow CRV friends and neighbors. The HOA will provide a meat entrée; please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Place settings and a hot beverage will be provided. Feel free to bring your own special beverage.

An optional gift exchange will be held. If you decide to participate, bring a gift of up to \$5.00 value, or you can bring a homemade gift. Please indicate if it is for a man or a woman. You will receive a number when you arrive and drop off the gift, that will be used later for the gift swap.

Every month Louise Hosie, with Joan Helms assistance, faithfully sets up the hall for this fun gathering. They use plates and silverware from our Clubhouse kitchen so we don't have to use plastic, which is nicer and saves our environment. It does make more work, so anytime you can lend a hand with clean up, it is greatly appreciated. Thank you Louise and Joan for your hard work.

### Time to Vote!

The election of our HOA Board for 2017 will take place at the HOA Annual meeting on December 6. The six residents who submitted letters of intent for the open positions were introduced and spoke at the November HOA meeting, or had statements read in their absence. The candidates are: for president, **Leo Lumpiesz**; for vice-president, **Suzanne Dost**; for secretary, **Rick Decker**; for treasurer, **Maryann Sine**; and for the two director seats, **Harry Rundle** and **Ron Mailloux**. Marsha Gibson and Mike Kinnison still have one year remaining of their two-year terms.

Ballots were mailed to all HOA members. If you vote by mail, your ballot must be received before the annual meeting on December 6. Or you may bring your ballot and cast your vote at the HOA meeting. There is one vote per household (lot).

**Membership Forms** for 2017 will be available at this meeting. The annual fee is still \$15 per household. You may turn those forms in at the meeting or give them to a member of the HOA Board later.

## Congratulations & Best Wishes!

### December Birthdays

|    |                 |    |               |
|----|-----------------|----|---------------|
| 4  | Wilma Smith     | 15 | Marsha Gibson |
| 5  | Fay Nicholas    | 15 | Camden Long   |
| 5  | Stu Voegtline   | 16 | Susan Perry   |
| 6  | Evelyn Clark    | 17 | Gloria Cate   |
| 9  | Carol Dulaney   | 19 | Norman Norris |
| 12 | Lorraine Fricke | 20 | Gloria Baker  |
| 14 | Pat LaManna     | 22 | Mike Pinter   |

### Bingo Jackpot Winners

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| Oct 26 | Carole Dulaney     |
| Nov 02 | Bernie Collette    |
| Nov 09 | Deb Proctor        |
| Nov 16 | Rosemarie VanDuzer |
| Nov 23 | Not held           |

### December Ladies Luncheon

This month's ladies luncheon is on **Thursday, December 8** at noon at River Ranch on Citrus Ave in Crystal River. Your hostesses are Cindy Folcik and Bobbie Ogdie. A sign-up sheet and sample menu will be posted at the Clubhouse. Do not arrive too early as doors do not open until 12:00. For more info contact Cindy at 850-565-0036.

Our luncheon coordinator, Marsha Gibson, is now home after recuperating at her son's in Jacksonville following a back injury while traveling in France. She is still recovering, and not as mobile yet as she would like. She has hostesses through February, but needs volunteers for the months following.

All ladies of the Village are invited to attend this fun event. Remember to include your last name on the sign-up sheet; duplicate first names have caused some confusion and wrong counts recently.

### Successful Halloween Party

Our annual Halloween event was a fun evening with almost 60 in attendance. Lots of delicious food was shared and enjoyed while listening and dancing to music by Ric Standard.

Winners of the prizes for best costumes were:  
**First:** Scarecrow Rev. Alfred DePace & Dorothy Karen Benner from the Wizard of Oz  
**Second:** Hillbillies Ron & Maryann Briggs  
**Third:** Greek Goddess Mike Pinter

### December Anniversaries

|    |                 |    |                            |
|----|-----------------|----|----------------------------|
| 23 | Jim Lempke      | 16 | Ron & Barb Kershner        |
| 23 | Lynda Petrie    |    |                            |
| 26 | Lee Stiles      |    | Only names of current      |
| 29 | Charlotte Oates |    | HOA members will be        |
| 30 | Mary Stiles     |    | listed here. If your name  |
| 30 | Jackie Heath    |    | is missing, please contact |
|    |                 |    | me. ~Susie                 |

### Shuffleboard

|        |                                   |
|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Nov 01 | Annie Collie & Will Watkins       |
| Nov 08 | Thelma Bachert & Barbara Kershner |
| Nov 15 | Lorraine Fricke & Ken Gigante     |
| Nov 22 | Wayne Finman & Lorraine Fricke    |

### In Memoriam

John Pollard passed away peacefully on October 28, 2016 in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 81. John was a seasonal resident who lived at 1975 SE Plumbob Way with his wife, Dolores (Dodie).

We also recently lost a full time resident, Blanche Dooley who lived at 942 SE Ninja Street. Blanche died at Shands Hospital on November 23, 2016 following a brief illness.

We send our sincere sympathy to the families, friends, and neighbors of John and Blanche.

### CRV Thanksgiving Dinner

Rick & Shirley Decker did a fantastic job coordinating this year's Thanksgiving dinner. Grateful thanks to them and their committee of volunteers. There were over 100 people in attendance, and 12 meals were delivered to shut-ins, as well. The food was delicious and abundant, with a wide variety of choices. Thanks to all who brought your favorite side dish to share. The desserts were outstanding.

Following dinner, the Fall Raffle ticket drawing was held. This raffle was to defray the HOA's expenses for the Thanksgiving Dinner, and the meat entrees for the Christmas Pot Luck and New Year's Eve Party. Those tickets, which were only purchased by CRV residents, sold out almost immediately. The winner of the Fall Raffle was a member of Harry Rundle's family.

## November HOA Meeting Summary

The regular meeting was held on November 1, 2016. Following the pledge, a moment of silence was observed for Tanny Andring. Vice President Suzanne Dost led the meeting in the absence of President Leo. Also absent were Directors Don Law and Marsha Gibson. A quorum was present so it was an official meeting.

Members present did not feel it necessary to read the minutes from the previous general meeting which are posted on the bulletin board. Minutes from the Oct. 12 CCCC meeting, the Oct. 18 Board/Management meeting, and the Oct. 18 HOA Board meeting were read. It was voted and moved to accept the minutes as read. The treasurer's report was read and accepted as well.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The **speed limit** in the Village is 15 mph and needs to be obeyed, including by those with higher speed golf carts. The **Nominations Committee** announced the names of the six candidates who submitted letters of intent for the positions open on the HOA Board for 2017. Those candidates spoke briefly or had a written statement read for them in absentia. A request was made for the **HOA/Management meeting** to see if Management would have the pool tables recovered.

The drawing of the **Fall Raffle** ticket to defray expenses will take place at the **Thanksgiving Dinner**. Please sign up if planning to attend, so we can determine how many will be served. Jerry Reed asked Veterans to check his list to see if they were on it in preparation for the **Veterans Day** service. The **Halloween Party** was a success, thanks to Cindy Folcik and her team. The **Christmas Pot Luck** will be on December 15, and pork loin will be served along with the side dishes brought to share. A gift exchange may be held for those who wish to participate. Information for the **New Year's Eve Party** will be posted in the next newsletter.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Current **HOA membership** is at 127. Updated directories have been posted to the website. **Bingo** attendance is improving and the payout for each game is up to \$25. **Aluminum Can collection** will be on Thursday. The full **Saturday Breakfast** resumes this weekend. The menu has been changed a little, and serving procedures have been adjusted. Please be patient while we work out the kinks.

**NEW BUSINESS:** **Bone Builders** are back to their schedule of meeting at 9:00 am on Tuesdays and Fridays. The **Christmas Golf Cart Parade** has been a long standing tradition in CRV, and usually includes a trip up the sidewalk to Cypress Cove to sing carols. A chairperson is needed for this event. A reminder to residents and their guests, **Soda and water in the Clubhouse refrigerator** are available for your convenience, but are not free. If there is no improvement in paying for these drinks, the service will be discontinued. Mary Stiles has helped with the **Family Resource Center's Christmas Project** for 11 years. CRV residents sponsored 34 kids last year, and 27 so far this year. There are more available if anyone is interested. She thanked everyone for the food donations. Food pantries are in desperate need. The Center is focusing on Christmas presents at this time, so please hold off on donations of other items, such as clothing and household goods, until the first of the year. Thanks to Shirley Decker and Trudy Wood for cleaning the **Clubhouse refrigerator**, which really needed it. Please wipe up spills as you see them, to keep it looking this way.

Many members had questions about the recent **rent increase**. The Board is aware of the increase letters and wants to hear the concerns of residents. The Board will request a meeting with Management on or before December 2, to meet the stated requirements. A **Homeowners Committee** to represent residents can be up to 5 individuals. If you are interesting in serving on this Committee, let Rick know at the end of the meeting. Please send your comments and questions on this issue to Rick through his email.

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

### Deck the Clubhouse Hall

We will gather to decorate the Clubhouse on Thursday December 1, at 10:00 am. This is always a fun and festive time with some light refreshments and carols playing in the background. Many hands make light work, so come lend a hand and get into the Christmas spirit.

### New CRV Resident

Carol Metzler recently moved into the Village. She will be a seasonal resident at 1035 SE Lillian Street. We welcome her to our community.

We have so many new residents; it's not always possible to keep the Resident Directory on the website up to date. So make a note of new names to your own list for now.

## **Saturday Breakfast**

The monthly Saturday Breakfast resumed in November with almost 70 people in attendance. The extensive menu was delicious and well received. There were a few glitches in getting orders in and the food out, but those issues have been ironed out.

Thanks to Ken Gigante and his team for all their hard work in making this a successful event. Come join us for the next breakfast on December 10 from 8-10:00 am. You will get to enjoy the Christmas decorations, and it's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and renew acquaintances as you linger over a hot beverage after a delightful meal.

## **Decorated Golf Cart Parade**

Each year many residents deck their golf carts out in Christmas finery and parade through the Village to the singing of carols. An afternoon trip up the sidewalk on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Cypress Cove to sing to the residents there is often included. We are still in need of someone to coordinate this event. This will be discussed at the December HOA meeting. Please consider volunteering. It would be a shame if this long standing CRV tradition was dropped this year.

## **Veterans Day**

A moving Veterans Day Service was held at our Clubhouse last month with almost 70 people in attendance. Chairman of this event Jerry Reed opened with the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance then greeted our Veterans, thanked them for their service, and invited comments. More than a dozen Veterans and family members of Veterans shared poignant memories and personal experiences, especially of the Vietnam War. Veterans in attendance were acknowledged by their branch of the military and recognized for their service. Jerry closed with the sharing of the words from Johnny Cash's "The Ragged Old Flag."

Following the event refreshments were served, which included a decorated cake donated by our nearby Winn-Dixie store for the occasion. We appreciate their generosity; please thank them the next time you are at their store.

**"God bless Us, Every One!"** ~Tiny Tim  
from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"

## **Homeowners Committee Meeting with Management**

An HOA Homeowners Committee representing CRV residents has been appointed to meet with Management on December 2 at 11:30 am. They will share your concerns about the recent rent increase that will take effect on February 1, 2017. Members named by the Board to serve on the Committee are Suzanne Dost, Rick Decker, Maryann Sine, Ivan Decker and Ken Gigante, with Leo Lumpiesz serving as alternate.

## **CRV New Year's Eve**

A New Year's Eve Party is being planned for Sunday, Dec. 31 at the Clubhouse. Come join your friends to welcome 2017. A meat entrée will be provided by the HOA. Bring a favorite appetizer, snack, or dessert to share, along with your own special beverage. You may also bring your CD/mp3 music to share.

We will listen to music, dance, and share memories of the past year. An early celebration toast may be held for those who wish to make it an early night. Please sign up if you plan to attend, so enough supplies can be purchased. Final plans and times for this event will be decided at the December HOA meeting.

## **New Alert System for Citrus County**

Citrus country has changed its emergency notification system from the CodeRED service. Florida's Division of Emergency Management recently purchased the Everbridge system of mass communication which will be used across the state. It is available for free for local use. Our service will be called Alert Citrus. This change will save our County about \$35,000 a year. However it does require county residents to register again in order to receive notifications about hurricanes, crime, missing persons, or other important information. When you register you can choose how you get notifications; whether by home phone, cell phone, text messages and/or email.

To register, visit [www.sheriffcitrus.com](http://www.sheriffcitrus.com) and click on links to Citrus Alert. Or you may call Summer Wylie at 352-249-2705 at the Citrus County Emergency Operations Office.

# Crystal River Village - December 2016 - Calendar of Events

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |   |                              | <b>1</b><br>8 am - <b>ALUM CANS AT CURB</b><br>10 am - Painting Grp<br>10 am - <i><b>Decorate Clubhouse</b></i> | <b>2</b><br>9 am - Bone Builders<br>9:30 am - CRV Golf<br>1 pm - Cards & Games<br>6:30 pm - Poker  | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b><br>9:30 am - CRV Golf<br>6:30 pm - Poker  | <b>6</b><br>8 am - Men's Breakfast<br>9 am - Bone Builders<br>10 am - Shuffleboard<br>12:30 pm - Dominos<br>7 pm - <b>HOA Meeting</b> | <b>7</b><br>10 am - Bible Study<br>12:30 pm - Mah-jongg<br>1 pm - Bridge<br>7 pm - Bingo<br>7 pm - Men's Pool  | <b>8</b><br>10 am - Painting Grp<br>12 noon - <b>LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON</b><br>at River Ranch                | <b>9</b><br>9 am - Bone Builders<br>9:30 am - CRV Golf<br>1 pm - Cards & Games<br>6:30 pm - Poker  | <b>10</b><br><b>8-10am -SAT MORN BREAKFAST</b>  |
| <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b><br>9:30 am - CRV Golf<br>6:30 pm - Poker | <b>13</b><br>8 am - Men's Breakfast<br>9 am - Bone Builders<br>10 am - Shuffleboard<br>12:30 pm - Dominos                             | <b>14</b><br>10 am - Bible Study<br>12:30 pm - Mah-jongg<br>1 pm - Bridge<br>7 pm - Bingo<br>7 pm - Men's Pool | <b>15</b><br>10 am - Painting Grp<br>6 pm - <b>CHRISTMAS POT LUCK</b>   | <b>16</b><br>9 am - Bone Builders<br>9:30 am - CRV Golf<br>1 pm - Cards & Games<br>6:30 pm - Poker | <b>17</b>   |
| <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b><br>9:30 am - CRV Golf<br>6:30 pm - Poker | <b>20</b><br>8 am - Men's Breakfast<br>9 am - Bone Builders<br>10 am - Shuffleboard<br>12:30 pm - Dominos<br>6 pm - <b>HOA Board</b>  | <b>21</b><br>10 am - Bible Study<br>12:30 pm - Mah-jongg<br>1 pm - Bridge<br>7 pm - Bingo<br>7 pm - Men's Pool | <b>22</b><br>10 am - Painting Grp   | <b>23</b><br>9 am - Bone Builders<br>9:30 am - CRV Golf<br>1 pm - Cards & Games<br>6:30 pm - Poker | <b>24</b>   |
| <b>25</b><br><b>Merry Christmas</b><br> | <b>26</b><br>9:30 am - CRV Golf<br>6:30 pm - Poker | <b>27</b><br>8 am - Men's Breakfast<br>9 am - Bone Builders<br>10 am - Shuffleboard<br>12:30 pm - Dominos                             | <b>28</b><br>10 am - Bible Study<br>12:30 pm - Mah-jongg<br>1 pm - Bridge<br>7 pm - Bingo<br>7 pm - Men's Pool | <b>29</b><br>10 am - Painting Grp   | <b>30</b><br>9 am - Bone Builders<br>9:30 am - CRV Golf<br>1 pm - Cards & Games<br>6:30 pm - Poker | <b>31</b><br><b>New Year's Eve Party</b><br> |