

# CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

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### The President's Message

The first of December and only twenty four more shopping days until Christmas! It is difficult to believe that Christmas 2017 is arriving, not to mention New Year's 2018. With that being said, the Holiday season brings visits from family and friends and for some, Holiday travels. Please be careful and safe if you're traveling, and if you have family or guests visiting, remind them that the maximum speed limit in our community is 15 mph. During this time of year the Village has its highest population. And with an increase in dog walkers, bicyclists, walkers and joggers, most of whom will be seniors, extra caution is necessary. If you have younger family members or guests visiting who will be operating your golf cart, please monitor their driving habits and explain the need for safety. The 15 mph limit applies to carts as well.

Our Christmas Party will be celebrated at the monthly Pot Luck on December 14 this year. Joan Helms will be hosting the dinner. Please bring your favorite dish to share. This is a great opportunity to wish your friends and neighbors a Merry Christmas.

A New Year's Eve Party is planned for December 31 at our Clubhouse. Music will be provided by DJ Ric Standard for your listening and dancing pleasure. The party will include meat entrees, coleslaw, potato salad, buns/rolls and condiments. Please bring a dish or snack to share. Noise makers, hats, and extras will also be provided. Tickets are \$10.00 each for HOA members and \$13 for guests and non-members. Advance ticket sales will be on Tuesday, December 5 at the Clubhouse from 1pm until 2pm. Reserved tables of eight may be requested at that time. Tickets are also available from Leo Lumpiesz and Rick Decker. The doors will open at 6:00 pm with an early count-down at 9:00 pm. This is a safe way to welcome in the New Year without venturing onto the main roads.

On behalf of myself and the HOA Board, I wish each HOA member, resident, CRV owners, Management, and the Maintenance Crew a *Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

Leo Lumpiesz 1-231-620-7762

### Time to Vote! Annual CRV HOA Election of Directors

The election of our 2018 HOA Board will take place at the HOA Annual meeting on December 12, 2017. This date is a week later than the normal first Tuesday of the month to allow for the mandatory minimum 30 days for mail-in ballot voting. The six residents who have submitted letters of intent for the 8 open positions were named at the November HOA meeting and spoke or had statements read in their absence. The candidates are **Leo Lumpiesz, Rick Decker, Ivan Decker, and Fredrick (Willie) Huffman** for 2 year terms, and **Susie Lunney and Maryann Sine** for one year terms. **Ron Mailloux** has one year remaining of his 2 year term as well. Our Bylaws allow for nine directors, and the floor was open for additional nominations, but there were none.

Ballots have been mailed to all HOA members. If you return your vote by mail, your ballot must be received before the annual meeting on December 12. You may also bring your ballot and cast your vote at the HOA meeting. There is one vote per household (lot). If you have not returned your ballot yet, remember to mark your vote for all candidates to make it official, even though they are running unopposed.

The newly elected Board will meet immediately following the Annual Meeting and choose the traditional slate of officers from among themselves.

**Membership Forms for 2018** 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

04	Wilma Smith	12	Lorraine Fricke
05	Fay Nicholas	12	Tom Milton
05	Stu Voegtline	12	Cathy Peterson
06	Evelyn Clark	14	Pat LaManna
07	Deb Krengel	15	Marsha Gibson
09	Carol Dulaney	15	Camden Long
11	Jeanne DePew	19	Karen Benner
11	Nick Polisson	19	Norman Norris

### December Anniversaries

20	Gloria Baker	06	Gerry & Faye Phillips
21	Barbara Zinkiewicz	14	Ron & Barb Kershner
22	Mike Pinter	16	Ken & Michelle Gigante
23	Jim Lempke		
26	Lee Stiles		
29	Charlotte Oates		
30	Mary Stiles		
30	Jackie Heath		

Only names of current HOA members will be listed here. If your name is missing, please contact me.

~Susie

### 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 14. All residents are invited to come and share some holiday spirit(s) in the gaily decorated hall with your fellow CRV friends and neighbors. Please bring a covered dish, salad or dessert to share. Place settings and a hot beverage will be provided. Feel free to bring your own special beverage.

The drawing for the Holiday Raffle will be held at the Christmas Party. The winner will receive \$250. The charity for our final raffle of the year, CASA (Citrus Abuse Shelter Association) will have a representative there to receive their \$250 donation. Instead of a gift swap we would like to do something different this year. We suggest bringing small gifts for the women and children at CASA.

When CASA was contacted they made suggestions for some things that they can use, and some items that always come in handy for their families living in a temporary situation.

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| 13 gal. white garbage bags                       | aluminum foil |
| large lawn & leaf bags                           | saran wrap    |
| paper towels                                     | baby wipes    |
| ziploc (gal) food & freezer bags                 | dish lotion   |
| personal feminine products                       | toilet paper  |
| toiletries - like shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc. |               |

Kids items - coloring books, crayons, puzzles, etc. Also, if you are cleaning out your clothes closet, CASA is always grateful to receive clean, gently-used items of clothing.

We hope you can join us for this festive gathering. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new neighbors and greet those who have just returned for the season. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Helms, 352-794-6220.

### Bingo Jackpot Winners

Oct 25	Barbara Kershner
Nov 01	Annie Collie
Nov 08	Lorraine Fricke
Nov 15	Jean Rickford
Nov 22	Stephanie Raney

### Deck the Halls!



We will gather to decorate the Clubhouse on Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 am. This is always a fun and festive time with carols playing in the background. Many hands make light work, so come lend a hand and get into the Christmas spirit.

### CRV Thanksgiving Dinner

The Co-chairs for this year's Thanksgiving dinner, Trudy Archer and Willie Huffman, did an outstanding job. The hall and tables were beautifully decorated, and around 82 were in attendance (tough to get an exact count with people moving about). In addition, at least 8 take-out meals were prepared and delivered. Promptly at 2:00 pm Trudy offered a moving blessing, and within a few minutes all 80 some residents and guests had moved quickly through the line and were enjoying a delightful meal.

Grateful thanks to Trudy & Willie and their committee of volunteers. And thanks to all who brought your favorite side dish to share. The food was delicious and abundant, with a wide variety of choices, along with many mouth-watering desserts. It was a wonderful day in spite of the heavy rains that may have dampened us on the outside but certainly not our spirits. Thanks to the Park Owners who donated money toward purchase of the turkey.

## November HOA Meeting Summary

The regular meeting was held on November 7, 2017. Following the pledge, a moment of silence was observed for Pauline Barrett. Vice President Suzanne Dost led the meeting in the absence of President Leo. Also absent was Director Mike Kinnison. A quorum was present so it was an official meeting.

Ivan Decker, Charity Raffle Chairperson, presented a \$250 check to the recipient of the fall raffle Morgan A Woodward, Director of Animal Services for Citrus County. Mr. Morgan spoke briefly about the work Animal services performs and its liaison with the Sheriff's Department of Animal Control.

The Secretary reviewed the minutes from the October 3, 2017 General meeting and the October 17, 2017 Board meeting. The Treasurer gave the October report. All were approved as read.

**Committee Reports:** The current **Membership** is at 142. Membership applications are now available for 2018. **Bingo** participation is increasing as snowbirds return. Recent **Aluminum Can Collection** brought in \$27.00. November **Pot Luck** is cancelled due to Thanksgiving. Joan Helms reminds us the December Pot Luck will be the Christmas Party on December 14. Instead of a gift swap, please bring a gift for sharing with CASA. That is the charity chosen to receive the \$250 from the upcoming Holiday Raffle. The first full **Saturday Breakfast** of the winter season will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, November 18, because the Veterans Day service will fall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday this year. MaryLou Benedict plans to resume leading **Bone Builders** and Eileen Norod will assist in leading the group as needed.

**Old/Unfinished Business:** There has not been an **HOA/Management meeting** since our last meeting. The only communication was that the Park Owners had received an unsolicited offer to purchase the park. For **Nominations/Elections** for the upcoming year, Director Ron Mailloux still has one year remaining on his term. Rick Decker reported that Letters Of Intent for two year positions have been received from Ivan Decker, Richard Decker, Fredrick (Willie) Huffman, and Leo Lumpiesz. Letters of Intent for the one year positions have been received from Maryann Sine and Susie Lunney. All applicants were given the opportunity to speak to the membership or have a statement read. The floor was opened for additional nominations but there were none. Nominations were closed and the Secretary gave a brief explanation of the ballot information that would be mailed to members in two days. **Halloween** had a good attendance of 76. **Thanksgiving Dinner** Co-chairs are Trudy Archer and Willie Huffman. They discussed the menu, what would be provided, and encouraged everyone to bring their favorite dish to share. There are sign-up sheets to indicate how many attending and also if you can assist with set-up or clean-up. .

**New Business:** Hard copies of the **By-Laws**, and the newly approved **Bingo Policies** and **Expenditures Policies** are available at the check-in table and are also on the website. Jerry Reed is the chair of the **Veterans Day Service** that will be held on Saturday, November 11, at 11:00 am. He encourages all residents, especially Veterans to attend. Plans are being made for a **New Year's Eve Party**. Tickets will be \$10 for HOA members and \$13 for guests and non-members. New members for 2018 will be granted the \$10 ticket price. More information will be in the next newsletter. The recent **Park Purchase Offer** was opened for discussion. Many residents had questions, but the Board had no additional information other than what was in the notice. Should they be provided any additional information, members will be notified in a timely manner. **Tree trimming** was brought up and why residents have to pay when the park owns the trees. Our recently hired attorney is looking into the issue. The FMO is presenting legislation requiring park owners to be responsible for trees and related items. Residents are encouraged to join the FMO and support that legislation.

**Announcements & Comments for the Good of the Assn.:** Delnora has posted **Golf Cart information** so residents can be more informed. She also requests that residents please use black or dark blue ink on rent checks. Several residents have been getting calls from the office because their **rent checks** were missing. The office had lost or misplaced them. They were told they could not bring checks to the office, and must use the drop box. And finally, **walkers who are out at night** on the streets in the Village need to wear light-colored or reflective clothing. With the time change and winter hours, residents who are wearing dark clothing are difficult to see. It would be a good idea to carry a flashlight as well.

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

## Decorated Golf Cart Parade

Deck your golf carts out in Christmas finery and join the parade! Each year many residents decorate their carts and circle through the Village to the singing of carols. This year the parade will be on **Friday, December 8**. This event includes an afternoon trip to Cypress Cove to sing carols to the residents. Gather at 1:30 pm near the front gate for the trip up the sidewalk to the Cove at 2 pm. After a rest break, meet again at 5:45 pm for the 6:00 pm parade through the Village. After the parade we will return to the Clubhouse for refreshments. For more information, please contact Chairperson Trudy Wood at 352-563-2612.

## CRV Veterans Day

This year's Veterans Day Service had close to 60 in attendance. Thank you, Jerry Reed, for the great job you did as chair of this event. Jerry presented the history of Veterans Day and gave a brief explanation of the *Missing Man Table*, which will be on display at the Clubhouse through Thanksgiving, as a reminder to our residents of those Veterans who remain unaccounted. He used an audio visual presentation to honor the Service Branches; almost half of those in attendance were Veterans. Then everyone joined in singing "*God Bless the USA*."

Joan Helms, Mary Tillis, Donna Voegtline, and Shirley Vanover served refreshments, including a beautifully decorated cake donated by our nearby Winn-Dixie store. Please thank them for their generosity the next time you are at their store.

## New Face at the Check-in Table

When you come to the next HOA meeting, a new face will be greeting you at the check-in table when you arrive. **Ginny Bahan** is taking over for Shirley Decker. She began at the November meeting, so some of you may have met her already. Thank you, Ginny, for taking over this position, and thank you, Shirley, for your service to our association.

## Christmas Caroling in CRV

The Youth Group from Nature Coast Community Church will be caroling through our Village for our residents on **Saturday, December 16, 2017**.

## CRV New Year's Eve

As noted in the President's message, a **New Year's Eve Party** is planned for **December 31, 2017 at 6:00 pm** at our Clubhouse. Music will be provided by DJ Ric Standard for your listening and dancing pleasure. The party will include meat entrees, coleslaw, potato salad, buns/rolls and condiments. Please bring a favorite appetizer, snack, or dessert to share, along with your own special beverage. Noise makers, hats, and extras will also be provided. Tickets are \$10 each for HOA members and \$13 for guests and non-members. Advance ticket sales will be held on **Tuesday, December 5** at the Clubhouse from **1pm until 2pm**. Reserved tables of eight may be requested at that time. Tickets will be available from Leo Lumpiesz and Rick Decker. The doors will open at 6:00 pm with an early count-down to the New Year celebration at 9:00 pm. This is a safe way to celebrate without venturing onto the main roads. Come join your CRV family and welcome in the New Year!

## Successful Halloween Party

Our annual Halloween Party was a fun evening with 76 party-goers in attendance. Lots of delicious food was shared and enjoyed (especially the Jell-O shots) while listening and dancing to music by Lonnie Othouse.

Winners of the prizes for best costumes were:

**First:** Scarecrow Rev. Alfred DePace

**Second:** Giant Clown Rick Decker

**Third:** Popeye & Olive Oyl Ron & Maryann Briggs

There were several other wonderful costumes, including a blue-haired biker chick, two gorgeous red devils, several snazzy witches, another clown, a mysterious fortune teller, a really BIG baby, and a sexy flapper, to name a few. The lucky winner of the Fall Raffle was Diane Everett.

## Editor Bids Farewell

As this is my last newsletter, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support. It has taken a lot of my time, but I have thoroughly enjoyed doing it and in many ways will miss it. I am delighted to tell you my "interim" replacement will be Donna Voegtline. I am sure she will do a great job for our HOA.

~Susie

## Saturday Breakfast

Saturday Breakfast resumed in November with more than 50 people in attendance. Ken Gigante and his team worked hard to make this a successful event. Come join us for the next breakfast on **December 9 from 8-10:00 am**. While enjoying your breakfast, you can relax in the warm glow of the hall decorated in its Christmas finery. It's a great opportunity to meet up with your neighbors and renew acquaintances as you linger over a hot beverage after a delightful meal.

## New CRV Residents

Many homes have sold in our Village in recent weeks. So we will soon be seeing many new faces. They don't always receive all the information they need to get settled in, so for those of you who "know the ropes" like our trash and recycling schedule, or the monthly aluminum can pick-up, please welcome them and share your expertise.

Edward & Linda Bell ~ 1082 SE Lillian St.  
(lot 443, formerly Mattesons)

Justine French & Ed Arndt ~ 1519 SE Niko Terr.  
(lot 166, formerly Skurow)

Mary Jane Kling ~ 1000 SE Lillian St.  
(lot 448, formerly Lew Clark)

Donna Reinhart ~ 1932 SE Buddy Ave.  
(lot 491, formerly Collie)

Jeff & Jannell Smith ~ 1719 SE Vito Dr.  
(lot 524, formerly Carr)

## It's Dark Out There!

For all of you residents who are out walking your dog, going to the Clubhouse, or just taking a stroll in the evening, please be aware that with the time change and earlier nightfall, it's dark out there and drivers often cannot see you. Wear light-colored or reflective clothing for your safety when you are out at night. Also carry a flashlight.

If a street light near you is not working, report it to Duke Energy. Be prepared to give them the number from the pole. They have generally been prompt in responding to repair requests. You can try calling the Office, but when other residents have tried that in the past, they have not found them to be very helpful.

## Family Resource Center

Many thanks to all of you who have already sponsored children this year. These children will be very happy on Christmas morning, thanks to you!

As of Thanksgiving, the Center has 1730 children in our Christmas Project and we expect to have about 300 more. We are still in need of sponsors for many of these children. It's hard to believe there are so many families in Citrus County needing help for their children at Christmas. Families who are struggling just to put food on the table or keep the electricity turned on have no money to buy anything for their children for Christmas.

Please let us know if you would like to help give a child a wonderful Christmas. We have a fact sheet with all the information with his or her most needed items; many are listed as underwear, or a blanket, or a warm jacket.

For more information, please give us a call or stop by. We love to talk about our Christmas Project.

~Mary & Lee Stiles, 564-0391, 1756 Plumbob Way

Many thanks from: Ginger West, Director &  
All the volunteers at the Family Resource Center

## In Memoriam

Roberta "Robbie" Kearns, a resident on Lake Evelyn Drive passed away at her home unexpectedly on November 25, 2017. Roberta, who had only recently moved into our Village, had been a resident of Homosassa for a number of years. She was a sister to Evelyn Skurow. We send our prayers and sympathy to Roberta's family and friends.

## Aluminum Can Collection

On the first Thursday of every month by 9:00 am, Mike Kinnison and his helpers are out collecting aluminum cans to be recycled. This has been a successful project for our HOA and we thank Mike for his dedication. But Mike needs the help of a volunteer with a pick-up to take the cans to the recycling center; his car just cannot handle it. It wouldn't take much time, just an hour or so, once a month. And if more than one pick-up owner is available, then it would only be once every other month. If you are able to assist Mike, please contact him at 937-474-9694.

# Crystal River Village - December 2017 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9 am - Bone Builders 9:30 am - CRV Golf 1 pm - Cards & Games 6:30 pm - Poker	2 10 am – <i>Decorate The Clubhouse</i> 
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