



Citrus Ridge

The Orange Pulp

The unofficial newsletter of the Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Association.

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From the Boardroom

I hope everyone had a very joyous and blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. We all have a lot to be thankful for.

Hard to believe it's December already, with Christmas just around the corner. Activities are really starting to take off (pickleball, shuffleboard, cornhole, pétanque poker run and scavenger hunt). Boy! Are we busy. Oh! Let's not forget the blast we had at the fall dance. Everyone please thank all the volunteers that make all these great events happen. We'd be a pretty boring place without them.

I would like to update everyone on the pool renovation. The contracts are signed and we are waiting for all the permits. As soon as the permits come in, we will be able to schedule the work to start. We will keep everyone updated on the progress. I'm quite sure everyone will be very pleased with the pool. As we all know, the pool has a huge impact on our property values.

As a reminder, the next board planning meeting is December 10th, 2024 after coffee and donuts in the club house. The monthly board meeting is December 17th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the club house.

The CRNA Board of Directors would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Stay safe, stay healthy.

Russ Fuller

CRNA Board President



Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Church

Thanksgiving Day has just passed, but our thankfulness continues! And this includes our thankfulness for you, our Citrus Ridge family.

We just finished our community Outreach Ministry project of collecting shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child®. Last year we filled 94 shoeboxes and \$200 was donated toward mission work. Now for this year's results...you all filled 102 shoeboxes to be distributed to children around the world to show God's love for them! This project required a "village of volunteers" to fold boxes, purchase gifts and fill the boxes for shipment. It truly was a community effort which will produce intangible rewards. For those of you who would still like to participate in this project, it's not too late! Monetary donations can still be made toward this international project until December 9th. Please see LaGonda Tackett if you'd like to make a monetary donation which will go toward the expenses for missionaries, teachers, Bibles and study guides for the children and their families.

Let's take a look at upcoming Church events in December.

- December 1 –
 - First Sunday of Advent with Holy Communion
 - "The Chosen" (Season 3, Episode 1) at 1p in the CH (continuing every Sunday through March except when community events are scheduled)

- December 2 – Assembling of Nativity Scene at Main Gazebo (meet at CH at 9:30a)
 - December 9 – Church Committee Meeting at 7p in AH
 - December 15 – Fellowship Sunday from 9-9:30a before Church begins at 9:30
 - December 16 – Christmas Caroling at the Main Gazebo at 7p (rain date Dec 18)
- NOTE: Coordinator needed for this event!
- December 24 – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7p
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Won't you come join us on Sunday mornings for praise and worship at 9:30a in the Clubhouse? There is a special "Gift" waiting for you, and His birth will be celebrated on December 25 th . May your Christmas and New Year be filled with God 's richest blessings!
And all of God's people said, **AMEN!**"

Pam Whittington, Chairperson
Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Church



Welcome back
Citrus Ridge
Angels (Past,
Present & New).

Hope everyone is ready for our Season of volunteering in Cafe Clayton. In November our 13 Angels served 416 family members, it was a busy one. Mark your calendars for the remaining four (4) dates for this Season:

- December 12th, 2024
- January 9th, 2025
- February 6th, 2025
- March 13th, 2025

Our shifts at Cafe Clayton are from 5:30-8:30pm. When you arrive, please see the Staff member (usually behind counter on your left when you enter Cafe Clayton to get your Volunteer position for the evening).

Sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse. Please **PRINT** first & last name as this form needs to be provided to GKTW. For any **NEW** Angels, you need to complete an online application form (see link below) prior to joining us at the Village. Please submit your form as soon as possible (you need to be pre-approved prior to working your first shift).
<https://www.volqistics.com/appform/1222367423>

NOTE: When filling in the application, please indicate the following:
Group Name: Citrus Ridge
Referral code: 86988
GKTW is located at: [210 S Bass Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746](#)
Volunteer Services Contact #1-407-396-0770; if you require assistance on your application.

We look forward to seeing you at GKTW, the truly remarkable place. The kindness and helpfulness you exude lasts a lifetime for the Wish families!
If you have any questions or would like more information on this great opportunity, please reach out to us.

Garry & Shelley Miller (Lot 325)
Group Coordinators
Email: gelos706@gmail.com
13062216000 (Canada)



GAD A BOUT TRIPS - Small World Tours -

2023/2024 season. Flyers are posted at the Club House & Main Mail boxes & on Citrus Ridge - Unofficial Facebook group.

Mark your Calendars! We will begin collecting money for a trip about a month and half ahead of time. Watch for posts on our facebook group for these great adventures & announcements at coffee & donuts too. Checks are made out to Small World Tours.

December 1, 2024 - Bubbles & Broadway (play is scrooge), A Sunday Brunch you don't want to miss! - \$129pp

January 24, 2025 - Dezerland Car Museum - VIP Tour & Lunch at 007 Cafe - Movie & Car buffs will love this!! - \$115pp

February 19, 2025 - The Bikinis @ Winter Park Playhouse & Olive Garden - Oldies songs from the 60's. \$119pp

March 19 & 20, 2025 - Butterflies, Florida Everglades, & Lion Country Safari - A Reservation form must be completed and final payment made by February 1st. Trip includes; r/t transportation, 1 night hotel, guided Butterfly World tour, Airboat ride, Alligator show, Lion Country Safari, 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, driver gratuity. Cost \$499 pp based on double occupancy (single supplement \$100.)

April 11, 2025 – Starlite Majesty Cruise lunch & Sugar Sand Festival - \$109 pp

May 5, 2025 – Anna Maria Island - \$55 pp

Contact us to sign up for these great day adventures. Watch for more Coming Soon!!!

Your GadABout Hosts, John & Sue, Lot 188, 717 350 6964

CRUISES OF A LIFETIME - Citrus Ridge has a short cruise for January 12 - 16, 2025, on the MSC Seashore. We have 2 Buses for this trip and Wow do we have a bunch of us going. (almost 100) Thank You and we hope to see you soon!

Call Frank at Elite Global Adventures, 843-455-1400 to book the cruise.

John & Sue Woodward, Lot 188 - 717 350 6964 or email jwvideo1@gmail.com



**Citrus Ridge
Cruisers and
Land Lovers**

Our first meeting was very informative and we have gotten lots of suggestions for future trips.

As of now, we have a 5 night cruise scheduled for January 3 -8, 2026 going to Costa Maya, Mexico and Cozumel, Mexico on Royal Caribbean's Enchantment Of The Seas. Flyers are available in the club house.

We have also scheduled a 13 night Asian cruise on the Norwegian Jade February 9 - 22, 2027. Going to ports in Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, China, as well as other ports in Asia. Norwegian is also promoting an add on to this cruise of 11 days, going to ports in Taiwan and several ports in Japan. Flyers for the first part of the cruise are in the club house now and for the add on cruise to Japan, flyers will be available in the next couple of days.

There was a lot of interest in the Greek Isles as a cruise destination. We are currently researching cruise lines, etc. We have discovered that most cruises to the Greek Isles do not begin until April or May. Hope to have some information soon.

In the meantime, Merry Christmas and safe travels through the holidays.

Sea ya around the park.

**Debbie Fuller – Lot 280
Kathy Merinsky – Lot 7**



GYM / EXERCISE ROOM

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:

Our next, all you can eat Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday January 11,, 2025 from 7AM-9AM at the Clubhouse. Only \$8.00 for all you can eat. This is our only fundraisef of the year. We will be serving Pancakes, Plain, Blueberry, Nuts, Sausage, Coffee, and Orange Juice.

Please come out to support your GYM/Exercise Room.

Bowflex Machine - We experienced a problem with the Bow Flex machine this past month. Someone decided to take it apart, and I guess could not put it back together again. Yes, like (Humpty Dumpty). So, they instead left the seat on the floor and disconnected all the cables. After this, no one else could use the machine.

Please do not take this machine apart unless you know how to put it back together.

If you are having a problem, please Text or E-mail me:

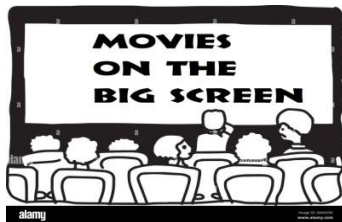
George Astacio,

[E-Mail:gastacio@comcast.net](mailto:gastacio@comcast.net)

Tel: 908-339-1426

To date I have had no success in finding a Company to maintain our machines. I will keep looking. That is all for now.

George Astacio
Chairman



December 7 –
“The Holdovers”

7 pm in the Clubhouse. **All are welcome**



CAP Report

Welcome to our newest CAP members Lorri Downey, James and Joann Rohn. As the CAP program continues to grow ALL Citrus Ridge residents are invited to join the CAP patrols. See me for an application. Any comments, questions, compliments or concerns about our Citrus Ridge CAP program, please direct them to me. I can be reached at 231-631-9982 or 225 Citrus Ridge.

Next meeting is Monday, December 2nd, 7pm in the Activity Hall.

Safe Patrols!

Gerry Beeman, Citrus Ridge CAP, Lot 225



Activity Board Report

Happy Holidays from your activity board. There are lots of things to do in December, so be sure to consult the calendar.

Our annual Fall/Winter craft fair is Friday and Saturday, December 6th and 7th For those of you new to our community, proceeds from vendor table rentals, raffle and Pot of Gold support Citrus Ridge activities, baked sales support Sunshine outreach and Flea Market proceeds will fund the January 2027 Golden Gala, a celebration for all residents married 50 or more years. Lunch proceeds fund updated pool accessories. So be sure to stop by, check out the vendors, buy some goodies, have lunch and support your community!

The Blood Mobile will be here on Tuesday the 10 th . Be sure to sign-up on line and see Jo Brutsman, Lot #78 if you have questions.

Eight participants signed up for our First Annual Cookie Exchange on December 11 th at the activity hall. We're all looking forward to enjoying the tasty treats.

Trivia Night is December 16 th and we've had to make some necessary changes. All players will contribute \$2 in order to play – this will go towards the cost of prizes and our Trivia master's fee. For an additional \$5 you can purchase 2 slices of pizza (you'll need to select your preference on the sign-up sheet), cookie and a beverage.

A representative from The National Cremation Society will be at the Clubhouse on December 17 following coffee and donuts.

Myriam Davin will be hosting a crafting event, Cards for Any Occasion, on the 18 th . Crafters will make 2-4 cards using Myriam's unique techniques. The class is limited to 8 participants and sign-up/prepay of \$18 is required.

Our annual Christmas Dinner (on the 25 th @ 1:00) will feature Baked Ham, Potato Casserole and vegetable. Please bring either a side dish or a dessert to pass along with your tableware and beverage. The dinner is free but **sign-up is absolutely essential for admittance.**

**Sandy Morgan, Activity Board President
Lot #371**



**Monday,
December
16 at 5 pm**

Food sales start at 4:00pm and this month will be 2 slices of pizza, a cookie and a drink for \$5
Trivia starts at 5 pm.

**Admission for trivia is \$2 per person.
Sign up is required!!**

Book Club



12/17/24 – **The River We Remember** by William K Kreuger - *Host: Kathy*
Book Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM in the Activity Center. New members are welcome at anytime. Any questions, please contact Jo at Lot 78 – 914-424-6380

Sunshine News



Illnesses:

Ron Graham – Lot 412 – Minor heart attack in Ohio, had stent implanted.

Cathy Dodds – Lot 373 – had hip replacement surgery, had complications and surgery had to be redone.

Gene Pickett – Lot 379 – Fell and was taken by ambulance to hospital, MRI showed small fracture near hip socket.

We wish them all the best, freedom from pain and hope for a speedy recovery.

Deaths:

Mark Bodine – Lot 128 – passed away in Florida.

Marlene Becker – Long time former Lot 62 – passed away in Wisconsin.

Mark Campbell – Lot 343 – passed away in New Hampshire.



Our deepest sympathy is extended on behalf of all CRNA owners.



GOLF CART CHRISTMAS PARADE

Friday, December 13, 2024
5:45 PM Line Up (clubhouse)
7:00 PM Dirty Santa (\$15 gift)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/22 Jeff & Pam Whittington 385
 12/31 James & Patricia Koenig 393



The Craft Fair and Flea Market are here. Friday Dec. 6 the doors open at 3:00 PM for Citrus Ridge shoppers and Saturday morning at 8:00 AM for EVERYONE. Don't be late. We have a few new crafters joining our regulars, plus our very popular Raffles, Pot-O Gold,

Bake Sale and Lunch (\$8). The Flea Market will be open at the Activity Building as well with all the latest in must have treasures for your home.

Baked goods and Raffle donations can be dropped off in the Club House Friday after 12:00 pm.

So come, shop, visit, eat, take a chance on the Pot-O-Gold and Raffle items. See you there.

Merry Christmas

See you there.
Jo Ann Rohn



New / Current Members

Lot 260 – Blair & Fionna Scott – current owners f Lot 262 (former owners Ezequiel & Sylvia Reyes)

Lot 338 – Larry & Nara Ramseyer – Bay City, MI (former owner Delford & Carolyn Leidy)

Birthdays:	Lot #
12/1 Sue Marks	408
12/2 Larry Leathem	248
12/2 Patricia Koenig	393
12/4 Robert McLaughlin	207
12/5 Jack Blain	167
12/8 Barbara Langley	332
12/10 Del Leidy	338
12/10 Lucretia Ross	411
12/12 Jane Kissel	424
12/12 Mary Larson	263
12/14 David Kersey	455
12/15 Oscar Fowler	383
12/16 Margaret Fowler	383
12/16 Leo Arnone	99
12/19 Patrick Lee	222
12/19 Don Milano	97
12/20 Harold Caldwell	110
12/25 Tim Hagen	261
12/28 Carolyn Leidy	338
12/28 Steve Walther	80
12/28 Gene Young	423
12/29 Buddy Wright	165
12/30 June Evilsizer	235
12/31 Sylvia Reyes	260
12/31 Peggy Gossard	52

Anniversaries:

12/6 Ray & Lori Johnson	120
12/18 Edward & Jacquelin Hild	266

We need YOU!



**VOLUNTEER
HELP
WANTED**

Chairpersons are needed for the following activities:

- Campfire
- Supper Hour
- Decorating (at the end of the season)
- Chili Cookoff,
- Veteran's Day Lunch
- Craft Day

If you are interested in being the Chair of any of these, see Sandy Morgan or any of the Activity Board members. Those activities without a Chair, **will be** discontinued.



Santa has a senior moment



DECEMBER 10 – 9 to 2 by the office

Sign up easily online. Flyers will be posted with online information.

Last May, we donated 13 pints of blood, enough to save 40 lives!

Any questions, or if you need help signing up, contact Jo at Lot 78 or 914-424-6380

Senior Citizen Texting Codes

Atd	At The Door
Lol	Little Old Lady
Bbf	Best Friend Fell
Btw	Bring The Wheelchair
Omsg	Oh My! Sorry Gas
Byot	Bring Your Own Teeth
Fwiw	Forget Where I Was
Lmdo	Laughing My Dentures Out
Waite	Who Am I Talking To ?
Ttyl	Talk To You Louder



It's hard to believe I've been doing this for a year now. Thank you to everyone who has let me know how much they enjoy the Pulp. I hope everyone has a great time during the holidays. **Sharon**

