



Citrus Ridge

The Orange Pulp

The unofficial newsletter of the Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Association.

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From the Boardroom

Hello again from Indiana. This summer has moved along quickly and I look forward to returning to Citrus Ridge in early October.

As I said in the Orange Pulp July issue, I continue to stay in touch with Connie, Pat, and Rebecka as needed to help deliver the support our board provides our residents year-round. July came with some unplanned challenges related to the pool pump failure (a spare pump will be set up for the future), the spa pump failure, the clubhouse/pool fob outage, and the air compressor at the maintenance building being out of service. All have been resolved with new pumps, a new fob controller installation in progress, and the compressor repaired. Bill Crews has also been busy trimming palm trees in the park. Contracts for pool maintenance, lawn service, and trash pick-up are in progress, as well.

On July 7, I had scheduled and posted a chat board meeting to discuss the plan to communicate to the membership the 2026 payroll cost overage as a result of Codie's departure, Rebecka's Rita Staffing contract, and her training with Codie.

Unfortunately, due to my oversight on the posting, residents understood it to be the actual vote that is required per By-Law Article VII Para. 2. (h) requiring a membership vote on any budget line-item spending that exceeds the annual amount by \$3,000. As a result of the confusion, the meeting was canceled.

What will now happen is that the Association will deliver/mail a special meeting notice to all members along with a limited proxy form (for those who cannot attend) so as to take a vote in October (date TBD) per Article III Para. 4. (b). The board will also be making recommendations for Governing Document revisions along with any others received from the Document Review Committee in preparation for next year's Annual Meeting. The budget committee has met and submitted their recommendations for 2027 to the board for consideration. The board plans to discuss the recommendations in preparation for a final vote this fall.

As always, your CRNA board hopes that you are all having a great summer. Please continue to be safe in your travels and summer activities. I'll see you all soon!

Gene Bradley
CRNA Board President



This month's focus is going to be on children and the misconception of the 80/20 rule.

Under our Rules & Regs:

7(a) children under 18 years of age are permitted as guests in the park for a total of 30 nights within a 12 month period.

7(b) children 13 years of age and under may use recreational facilities, only when accompanied by an adult member (or an adult guest) who must be responsible for their conduct.

Seems pretty cut and dry and we're relying on your honesty to keep track of how long children under the age of 18 are in the park.

Like most of our Rules, we get the information from other documents, like the Florida Statutes or our governing documents. We just list them as Rules & Regulations to make them easier for owners to find.

The 80/20 rule is outlined in our most important document besides the Florida Statutes - The Declaration of Covenants.

Under section 3. GENERAL
RESTRICTIONS: para 3.2

"A 55+ community (amended by association vote March, 2002)

CITRUS RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC., is a 55+ oriented lifestyle community. Eighty percent (80%) of the lots must be occupied by at least one person fifty-five (55) years of age or older. One hundred percent (100%) of the lots are reserved for future occupancy by at least one person fifty-five (55) years of age or older. Up to a maximum of twenty percent (20%) of the remaining lots may be occupied by surviving spouses under the age of fifty-five (55) and their heirs under the age of fifty-five (55) who are already in residence at the time the person who is fifty-five (55) or older when owner leaves the lot. Persons who have not yet attained the age of eighteen (18) are prohibited from permanent occupancy on any lot. This restriction does not apply to legitimate house guests who are residing on the property less than a total of thirty (30) days per year, provided their behavior is consistent with community standards and complies with the requirements of the governing documents."

So, yes! Someone under the age of 55 can live here as long as they were married to someone

over 55 who passed away; or, someone over 18 but under 55 who was a permanent resident prior to the 55+ owner passing away.

This is also another reason why, in our Annual Members' Meeting packet, we get the Age Verification Form. We need this information filled out and returned to the office so we can confirm, verify, and keep our 55+ status.

Anyone of legal age can purchase property in Citrus Ridge, but our documents prohibit them from living here until they reach the age of fifty-five (55).

Linda Meixner, Chair, Rules & Regs Committee



***Citrus Ridge
Neighborhood Church***

It is official---we are halfway through the summer! And in just three months, our CRNC

will be opening its doors for Praise and Worship!

In last month's Orange Pulp, we highlighted our church's outreach ministry, Helping Hands. We reported that 22 requests were made by our friends and neighbors through this ministry, and 22 requests were completed by our volunteers. But now we have an update on the number of meals that were prepared and delivered to our neighborhood in June...53 meals by one volunteer!!! We are thankful to you all for your response, "Here am I Lord, send me."

A heart of thankfulness is key to joy and contentment. In the July 2 devotional from The Word For You Today, David says in Psalm 103:2, "May I never forget the good things he does for me." The title of the daily devotional is "How to Know You're Blessed." This article was so good that I knew I had to share it with you! "Here are six 'good things' worth thinking about: (1) If you woke up this morning with

more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million people who will not survive this week. (2) If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are better off than five hundred million people in the world. (3) If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world. (4) If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75 percent of the world. (5) If you have money in the bank or in your wallet, or spare change in a dish someplace, you rank among the top 8 percent of the world's wealthy. (6) If you can read this devotion, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all. There is always someone who is worse off. That doesn't mean you revel in other people's misery. But it ought to heighten your Christ-like compassion and give you a sense of gratitude that spills into thanksgiving each day."

And all God's people said, "**AMEN!**"

***Pam Whittington, 2026-2027 Chairperson
Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Church***



Henri Landwirth's (the founder) promise became Give Kids The World Village – that children should experience happiness, no matter what circumstances they face.

Would you be interested in joining our CR Angels in making a difference? We are always looking for more helping hands. Our caring ANGELS assist the families in Cafe Clayton once a month (Nov-Mar).

For anyone interested in joining us, 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/679955857>

NOTE: When filling in the application, please indicate the following:

Group Name: Citrus Ridge

If you require any assistance with your application, please call Volunteer Services Contact #1-407-396-0770 they'll be able to assist you.

Mark your calendars, the following are the dates we have secured to volunteer in Cafe Clayton for this upcoming Season.

November 12th, 2026

December 10th, 2026

January 14th, 2027

February 4th, 2027

March 11th, 2027

Have a Safe & relaxing Summer. See you in the fall.

Garry & Shelley Miller (Lot 325)

Group Coordinators

Email: gelos706@gmail.com

13062216000 (Canada)



GADABOUT TRIPS for 2026/2027 Season

October 24, 2026 (NOTE DATE CHANGE) - Central Florida Animal Rescue, Up close encounters in small groups with some amazing big cats, Off to Merritt Island for Lunch at the Rooftop Restaurant, The Landing. \$155.00 pp

November 18, 2026 - Tampa Bay Downs -

This was so much fun and the food was excellent, that we wanted to give more people a chance to do it. Join us for a Buffet at the Downs and great inside seating and fun.

December 18, 2026 - WP Playhouse, A Christmas Survival Guide (this is a comedy) and Reef Fish restaurant. (menu choices to be made when you sign up) \$125.00 pp

January 8, 2027 - Asian Lantern Festival - is held at Central Florida Zoo, featuring stunning handcrafted lantern displays and cultural experiences. \$129.00 pp

February 25 & 26, 2027 - Brightline Train with Bayside & Coral Castle, & dinner in South Beach.

March 16, 2027 - Tarpon Springs (lunch at Mama's Greek Cuisine) and Parksdale Farms (fresh produce and strawberries, Yum yum!)

April 7, 2027 - Anna Maria Island Beach Day - Hop on the bus and spend the day on Anna Maria Island, beaches galore (my favorite is Manatee Beach). Or get on the free trolley and head into town for lunch or just take a ride to enjoy the area.

Wanted to give you a heads up on what is in store. Mark your Calendars and stay tuned for more information to come. Make all checks out to Small World Tours, Look for flyers at the clubhouse, & on the Citrus Ridge 55+ Community unofficial facebook group page in the featured section.

Contact me, Sue Woodward at 717-350-6964 to sign up for these fun days ahead. Thanks to all who help make these trips possible.

Sue Woodward, lot 188.



**Citrus
Ridge
Cruisers
and Land
Lubbers**

Dates To Remember:

January 11 - January 16, 2027 - Nassau and 2 private islands on Carnival's Freedom

February 9 - 22, 2027 - Asian Adventures part 1 on Norwegian's Jade

February 22 - March 5, 2027 - Asian Adventures part 2 on Norwegian's Jade

The Citrus Ridge Cruisers have a new Facebook group page. It is titled Citrus Ridge Cruisers and Landlubbers. Please join the group to help keep you updated and informed on scheduled cruises.

If you plan on going on the cruise in January 2027 on the Carnival Freedom, all reservations should be made as soon as possible. Final payment for this cruise is due on October 15, 2026.

Norwegian Cruise Lines has made itinerary changes on the second leg of the Asia trip. They sent out emails to everyone on March 4th with these changes. If you didn't receive the email, check your spam folder or contact Debbie. Also you can check out the Group on Facebook. We all need to have a Visa for our stop in Viet Nam. This can be done on board at a cost of \$50 per person which will be charged to your onboard account. For the rest of the ports you need a passport that is valid for 6 months after the cruise.

For more specific information about dinner themes or general information about the cruise, you can go to each individual cruise line web page. They offer a lot of information and fun facts. You can also find what Visas and documents are needed to disembark at each port.

Remember that all flyers are in the clubhouse. If they are all gone, let us know. Feel free to get a hold of Debbie or Kathy with any questions or suggestions.

See ya around the park.

Debbie Fuller, Lot 280
Kathy Merinsky, Lot 7



CAP Report

Happy August!

As we enter into the heart of hurricane season, this is just a reminder to have a plan and to have supplies. Make sure you know where you are going. If you need a place for your pets or if you have special medical needs, make sure the facility can accommodate you and call them early. Storm shelter maps are posted around the park. For those patrolling, do not patrol in inclement weather.

SCAM:

There is an increase of mail fraud from "banks" with legitimate looking letterhead. Once again, if it doesn't seem right always check it out with the company directly just to make sure.

The next meeting will be held on August 3, 2026

Thank you for patrolling and Safe Patrols.

Sandy Gutowski, Citrus Ridge CAP, Lot 129



New Members

None this month



I am busy planning more current movies for our next movie season. If there are any movies coming out **this year** that you would like to see, please let me know. If I can get them on dvd, I can show them

Sunshine News



Illness:

None reported

Deaths:

- 7/1 – Robert (Bobby) Scripko passed away in Winter Haven, FL.

Book Club



Book Club will resume again on September 14, 2026. Book Club meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 2 PM in the Activity Hall during the fall & winter seasons. New members are welcome at anytime. Any questions, please contact Jo at Lot 78 – 914-424-6380

Birthdays & Anniversaries

8/27 Oscar & Margaret Fowler 383
8/31 Ezequiel & Sylvia Reyes 260

Birthdays:	Lot #
8/1 Pat Herrmann	433
8/1 George Chaposky	27
8/4 Sue Simmons	289
8/5 Patricia Malmay	125
8/6 Eleanor Pavlik [Kresge]	158
8/6 Bob Morton	33
8/6 Lorri Downey	357
8/9 Paul Bruno	243
8/11 Lori Johnson	120
8/14 Sylvia Trevis	376
8/14 Carol Favret	172
8/14 Don McKenzie	339
8/15 Wilton Newton	313
8/18 Laura Johnston	221
8/19 Patricia Corbett	445
8/19 Patsy Kern	223
8/25 Jasmine Stewart	332
8/27 John Prescott	87
8/28 Elaine Cook	395
8/30 Judy Ekberg	437
8/31 Larry Johnston	221
8/31 Arta Prescott	87

Anniversaries:

8/1 Scott and Tonda Sims	329
8/3 Jack & Dianne Blain	167
8/7 Bob & Donna Speace	288
8/11 Charles & Pat Lee	256
8/15 Garry & Shelley Miller	325
8/26 Malik & Jasmine Stewart	332



GOLDEN GALA CELEBRATION

If you and your spouse have been married to each other for 50 years or longer you are invited to attend the Golden Gala Celebration.

Kindly email your name, lot # and anniversary date so that we can invite you as the date draws near

Evelyn, Lot 28 – es505@comcast.net
Glenna, Lot 403 – text – 423-534-9905



EDITOR'S CORNER

I am constantly in the process of updating the birthday

and anniversary lists. If you aren't listed and want to be listed you can email me, or leave a note in the Orange Pulp mailbox on my porch. I just need month and date and lot #. Also let me know if your **lot number** is wrong. The email address for the Orange Pulp is citrusridgepulp@gmail.com

Sharon Schneider