



Citrus Ridge

The Orange Pulp

The unofficial newsletter of the Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Association.
Editor: Sharon Schneider

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From the Boardroom



Hopefully, you have all

received your Second Notice of Annual Members' Meeting and Agenda. There were two documents added to the packet including the March 18, 2025 Annual Members' Meeting Minutes and the 2026 Budget. These documents are available in the office if you need a copy.

Please note that ballots have been included in the Second Notice. The deadline for submitting ballots to the office is Tuesday, March 17, 2026 by 3:00 PM. No ballots will be accepted after that time.

Our Annual Members' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse. Please plan to be there early as the doors will be locked at 7:00 on the dot and no one will be admitted after that time.

Please remember to fill out the Age Verification Form and return it to the office. Please remember you must have a copy of your ID that shows your birthdate. This is required to maintain our 55+ community status, the state of Florida requires this.

Tim Hagen
CRNA Board



Members Meeting
Tuesday March 17, 2026 – 7 pm



**Citrus Ridge
Neighborhood
Church**

When Valentine's Day came, I thought about Forrest Gump's famous

saying in the 1994 movie of the same name- "My mama always said, 'Life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get!'" Aren't you thankful that our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever! His love never fails!

We want to thank each one of you who supported our Annual Church Dinner with your attendance on Friday, February 6. And, of course, a special thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped with this event! It was an evening of delicious food, fellowship, and entertainment. Approximately 110 were present to enjoy the evening and singing provided by The Singing Christians from South Carolina. And thank you all for your generosity for the Love Offering that was collected for our singers.

Our "Helping Hands" ministry was introduced to you all last month. This church ministry allows us to put our faith into action by reaching out to help and serve our entire community in practical ways. Assistance for our Citrus Ridge community may include such things as emotional support, homecare, transportation and limited financial assistance. Some have already come to us with needs that we are addressing, while others have said, "I can

help” in addressing those needs. We have already started receiving donations to assist with financial needs, while hearts are being touched to support this ministry in numerous ways. If you or someone in our community needs assistance, please reach out to us so we can help meet those needs. We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ...and we are our brother’s keeper.

Our last Fellowship Sunday will be on March 15 beginning at 9a before our Church Service at 9:30. “The Chosen” will continue to be shown on Sunday afternoons at 1p in the Clubhouse through Palm Sunday (March 29). Then on Easter (April 5), we will be celebrating the resurrection of our Risen Lord with an early Sunrise Service at the Main Gazebo and our regular Church Service in the Clubhouse. Holy Communion will also be served on Easter Sunday. We will be finalizing the schedule of the morning’s events in our March 9 Church Committee Meeting, but we already know that it will be a day of joyful celebration! Also, in our March 9 Church Committee Meeting we will be electing officers for the 2026-2027 season. If you are interested in serving our community church in any capacity, please contact me. We are always looking for those who want to share their God-given talents to advance His kingdom. Could that be you?

Be sure to pick up one of our Welcome brochures that shares the mission of our Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Church to read and share with your neighbors. They are also given to our new residents in their CR Welcome packet and are available in the CR office. We are a blessed people in so many ways. And we are all called to reach out to bless those around us with God’s Goodness, because the needs around us are great. **And all of God’s people said, “AMEN!”**

***Pam Whittington, 2025-2026 Chairperson
Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Church***



In February we welcomed two (2) New Angels, Lynn McDonagh and Ray Johnson in joining us. Our Angels served 303 family members in Cafe Clayton. From serving hot/cold items (turkey, pot roast, mashed potatoes, veggies, pizza, dino bites/fries, soup & salad), serving beverages, carrying trays, cleaning off tables or prepping dishes to be washed. Numerous positions are required to complete a meal service at the Village.

Are you interested in joining our CR Angels? We are always looking for more helping hands. Our caring ANGELS assist the families in Cafe Clayton once a month (Nov-Mar). We only have one (1) remaining date left this Season (sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse).

March 12th, 2026 (deadline: Mar 5th by Noon)

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

Volunteer Services Contact #1-407-396-0770; if you require assistance on your application.

GKTW is located at: 210 S Bass Rd,
Kissimmee, FL 34746

YOU (our cherished Angels) do make an Important Difference! Thanks for joining us at the Village!

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



Citrus Ridge Cruisers and Land Lubbers

Dates to RememberL

August 28-Sept. 7, 2026 – Greek Isles on Norwegian Viva

January 11 - January 16, 2027 - Nassau and 2 Private Islands on Carnival's Freedom
Feb. 9-27, 2027 – Asian Adventures part 1 on Norwegian Jade

Feb. 27-March 5, 2027 – Asian Adventures part 2 on Norwegian Jade.

A new cruise has been added for January 2027. Flyers are in the clubhouse. Anyone interested in signing up should call Frank to make your reservation.

If you want to find 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.

Just a reminder that all flyers are available in the clubhouse. If they are all gone let Debbie or Kathy know. If you have any questions on any of the cruises feel free to contact us.

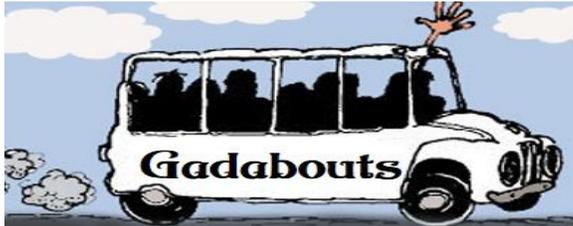
See ya around the park.

Debbie Fuller, Lot 280
Kathy Merinsky, Lot 7



CAP Report

Thank you Citrus Ridge for your continued support of our CAP events and program. Our Valentine's French Toast breakfast was an awesome success! Thanks also to our



**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.

Upcoming trips:

March 22 – Mission Inn Sunday Brunch and
Guys & Dolls show at the ICE theater in Mt.
Dora - \$129pp – **collecting now for this trip**
– sign up now it is almost full

April 1 - Tampa Bay Downs – Lunch Buffet
and private reserved seating - \$109pp –
collecting now for this trip

May 13 - Florida Aquarium - \$89pp – Sign
up now

Make all checks out to Small World Tours

Look for flyers at the clubhouse, & on the
Citrus Ridge facebook group page.
Contact me, Sue Woodward at 717-350-
6964 to sign up for these fun days ahead.
Thanks to all who help to make these trips
possible.

Sue Woodward,
717 350 6964, or see me at lot 188.

many members who setup, cooked, served, and cleaned up the breakfast. Great job to all involved! Next year's breakfast is already in the planning stages.

Citrus Ridge CAP members totaled 6958 volunteer hours for the year of 2025!! Our own Robert Thompson was the PCSO Cap leader with 2294 hours. Congratulations for a great year to all our CAP volunteers!

PCSO has provided Citrus Ridge CAP a new Club Car gas powered patrol cart. The flashing lights and front end are upgraded from the old cart. We thank PCSO for their continued support of our park.

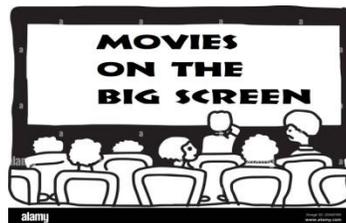
Next meeting March 2, 7pm in Activity Hall.

Safe Patrols!

Gerry Beeman, Citrus Ridge CAP, Lot 225



March the 4th the Red Hat ladies are going on a train ride. The information and the sign up sheet is at activity hall. Outside the park is Honky Tonk Angels on March the 15 at Theatre Winter Haven. Our last event of the season is the pizza planning party on March 13. Must sign up so we can get an accurate account. Please bring your suggestions for next season. Our new Queen Carla Friend will look forward to hearing them. Thank you again all who were apart of our group I want to say with this being my last post.
Sincerely, **Queen Bernice**



March 7 – “Rust”

March 21 – “Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale”

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

Film trailers are posted on Facebook before the show date.



New Members

Lot 159 Cathleen Brodeur
Warrick, RI
Previous owner - Bill Tithof

**Sunshine
News**



Illnesses:

- Lucretia Ross still remains in Solaris Healthcare for rehab
- Lucy Black remains a patient at Advent Health Heart of Florida
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We wish them all the best, freedom from pain and hope for a speedy recovery.

Deaths:

- Bill Fage passed away 2-2-26.

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



Book Club



Book Club will be meeting on March 9 at 2 pm in the Activity Hall to discuss **The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife** by Anna Johnston. Hosted by Linda. **Book Club meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 2 PM in the Activity Hall.** New members are welcome at anytime. Any questions, please contact Jo at Lot 78 – 914-424-6380



Activity Board Report

On Saturday, February 14 th , CAP hosted their annual French Toast Breakfast. They had a huge crowd and want to thank everyone for their support. Then, Saturday night, the dance committee held a Valentine's Day dance with the theme being Woodstock. The music was great; the dance floor was busy all night and everyone was feelin' groovy. This was the dance

committees' last dance of the season and the Activity Board would like to thank the two chairpersons, Beth Rumsey and Anna Stokes and all their committee members for all the thought and effort that went into planning, decorating and hosting these three dances. On Sunday, the 15 th , we were treated to strawberry shortcakes, with homemade biscuits and fresh whipped cream. Everyone who came enjoyed it. Thank you to Marilyn Williams, Anna Stokes and all their helpers who cut up 8 flats or for a better reference, 96 pints of strawberries. Our February 16 th Trivia Night had 100 participants.

Upcoming events:

March 6th & 7th is the Spring Craft Fair, Bake Sale, Flea Market & Yard Sales. As in the past, Friday, the 6th is for residents only, Saturday, the 7th is open to the public.. There will be a lunch available on Saturday with the choice between sausage with peppers/onions or a sloppy joe. Included are chips and a drink for \$8.00. Service will start at 10:30 until they sell out. For those of you who don't know the money from the vendor tables, yard sale signs, POG and the raffle table are what funds activities. The bake sale money goes to fund Sunshine. This year, the flea market monies will go toward the Golden Gala which is coming up in January 2027. The money from the lunches sold goes toward sun deck accessories. So, please consider volunteering to help, there are many open positions. The sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse and JoAnn, Sharon or Margie would be happy to answer any questions.

March 11th at 1:00 pm is the Volunteer Lunch. If you have volunteered this season, 2025-2026, please sign-up and come join us. The Activity Board would like to thank you for helping us provide our community with so many fun activities. We will be serving Beefy Baked Ravioli, salad, a roll and dessert. Please bring a beverage and your tableware. Volunteers of the Year will be announced.

March 14 th is the Woodpeckers Lasagna Dinner at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00; and are sold in advance. For tickets see Reggie McCluskey Lot 142, Bruce Gossard Lot 144, Ron Geitter Lot 314, or Stephane Gervais Lot 387.

March 16 th Trivia Night – this will be our last Trivia Night of this season. POG will be sold.

March 21 st is the Spring Poker Run. Sheets are \$5.00 each and will be sold at the Clubhouse from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. There will be water and a cookie available when you return with your completed sheet(s). While you wait for results, the Pickleball committee will be selling a hot dog w/chips lunch for \$5.00. POG will be sold.

March 22 nd is the Gad 'abouts Bubbles & Broadway trip. Bus leaves at 9:30 am and returns at 6:00 pm

March 26 th will be the Going Away Party. Come join us for a ½ chicken BBQ, potato salad, coleslaw and dessert. Entertainment provided. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at coffee & donuts or from Marilyn Williams Lot 121 or Anna Stokes Lot 271. Please bring a beverage and tableware. POG will be sold.

Please be sure to pick up the March calendar as all the information you will need to participate is listed on the back.

The next Inc. Board meeting is Tuesday, March 10th at 9:00 am in the Activity Hall. This is the meeting where the Inc. Board allocates funds for small community items or equipment needed for various activities. Committee chairpersons should attend with documentation to support your request (items requested, anticipated cost). If you have a conflict, please send a representative. Each request will be discussed and voted on, if possible.

The Activity Board is looking for chairpersons for next seasons activities and events. If you were a chairperson this season and wish to continue on as chair, please sign up on the board in the Clubhouse.

If you are new to the community and want more information on the duties and responsibilities of a chairperson please contact me, Peggy Bradley Lot 140.

Peggy Bradley, President



AND



This is the big week. THE BIG EVENT! Flea Market, Yard Sale and Craft Fair all at one time.

And for you procrastinators, IT IS NOT TOO LATE. You can still register with Margie Rainwater, Lot 190 for the YARD SALE until March 3rd.

Donations for the Flea Market are Tuesday March 3 from 10 – 12 am at site 343 and Thursday evening March 5 at the Activity Hall after 6pm.

Set up for everything begins Friday, March 6 in the morning with sales from 3 to 5 PM. This time slot is for CR residents only giving you first choice for all those marvelous treasures. Saturday sales are 8AM - 1 PM.

Donations for the raffle table and bake sale can be brought to the Club House after 8 am on Friday March 6.

**Any questions – please call
Jo Ann Rohn 215-704-4119
Margie Rainwater 616-272-2037
Sharon Campbell 603-438-6552**

SEE you there



With respect to the future paving project we wanted to learn more about the use of some of removed millings to reduce the cost of trucking them away.

Don and Todd visited a site that millings have been used to create a parking lot. Their assessment was the millings would make a good base for any new areas requiring pavement or a good surface for creating additional golf cart parking. We have also started researching options for speed control, such as speed bumps, speed humps and speed flat tops.

That's all for now,

Thank you
Paul Wise Lot 386

Planning Committee Members;
Don Twerdun - lot #195,
Todd Manley - lot #247
Paul Wise (chairman) - lot #386
Board Liasson - Gene Bradley



This month I raked and trimmed along the East side of the canal.

Unfortunately, this is the 2nd month of cold weather and frost has killed all of the flowers and bushes in the park. My hope is that all the leaves fall off and new buds will appear. It's been 2 weeks without frost, so let's give the plants and trees another 2 weeks, and if no new buds appear we will need to cut them back. I would like to get a group together to help with this.

Donna #21 has been weeding, gardening and covering the plants to prevent frost at the Activity Hall.

Connie #138 trimmed, raked, and covered the plants in the gardens across from the club house, at the activity hall and the median. Lynda and Connie cleaned along the canal and pulled out branches from the canal.

Update from Lynne and Fred Jones. "During the first few weeks of February we were busy covering up the large hibiscus bushes surrounding the front and side of the office building. After the first frost we trimmed and pruned the hibiscus bushes back that had frost damage. However, during the second frost period the damage was much more significant to many of the plants in the office gardens which did not survive or had significant damage. We stored the poinsettia plants in our shed and kept them from freezing with a small heater.

Recently with the return of warmer weather we put them back in the garden. With the return of warmer weather, we continue to clean out the weeds trimmed and pruned the various bushes and plants that were not affected by the frost".

Marilyn lot #121 removed and cleaned out the dead plants in the two gardens next to her driveway. She replanted snap dragons and other beautiful annuals.

Rick lot 158 continues to spray for weeds thru out the park..

We will have our 4th meeting of the year on March 2, 2026, 11:00 the Activity Hall.



Garden of the month, is home owner Lucy #46 she has a beautiful rock garden. Next month we will select another homeowner

Thank you for keeping Citrus Ridge beautiful. If you would like to be a gardener, please let me know.

Enjoy our beautiful park.

Audrey Wise Lot 386 Beautification Chair



Birthdays:		Lot #
3/2	Tony Pickarski	226
3/4	Toni Pickett	379
3/5	Karen Derderian	356
3/5	Connie Hill	334
3/8	Linda Pickarski	226
3/8	Donna Speace	288
3/13	Reg McCluskey	142
3/19	Angie Goss	16
3/20	Bernice DiLillo	257
3/21	Robert Oberlies	343
3/23	Gene Bradley	140
3/24	Lynn Jones	83
3/24	James Koenig	393
3/26	Ron Jelicks	1
3/26	Joan Sipple	423
3/28	Karen Mason	224
3/29	Timothy Krupka	60

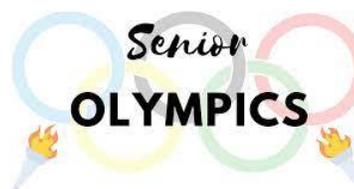
Anniversaries:

3/3	Paul & Angie Goss	16
3/16	Lee & Minda Ordway	175
3/20	Wilton & Judy Newton	313

3/22	Richard & Judy Nelson	5
3/28	Joe & Bernice DiLillo	257



Angie and Paul Goss, long-time residents of Citrus Ridge, will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on March 3, 2026! Let's celebrate this Platinum Anniversary with them by sending them a card at 1717 Lindy Court, Lexington, Kentucky 40505, or you can give them a call at 859-255-8149. Text messages can be sent to either Angie (859-608-8570) or Paul (859-338-0908).



Because of the Pulp deadline, Senior Olympic results will be published in the April Edition



Monday, March 16 at 5 pm
 4pm – 2 Slices of Pizza, Beverage & Cookie -\$5
 5pm – Trivia begins - \$2 to play
SIGN UP IS REQUIRED!
Up to 6 players per team (max.)
 Contact any Activity Board member for details.



The Woodstock Themed Valentine's Dance was a great success! We had a full house and Guitar Gal Geri Blount and Band proved to be amazing.

A big thank you to all who supported the Dance Committee by participating in this event.

We want to thank former co-chair Carolyn Wilson for all the hard work she has put into making the dances successful over the years. She will be missed, as she is leaving the committee at this time.

Much thanks to the current co-chair Beth Rumsey and our new co-chair Anna Stokes of the Dance Committee. Kudos to all of the members of this Committee, including Debbie Fuller, Russ Fuller, Paul Rumsey, Denise Mayberry, Dori Bushey and Carla Friend.

A big thanks to Dan Bushey for all of his help as well. Much appreciation to all others who helped out with any preparations and cleanup before and after the dance.

If there are any suggestions for future entertainment groups to be considered, please feel free to contact Dori Bushey at Lot # 95.

We are looking forward to the next dance which will be held on Halloween night! Costumes and dancing are optional- we just want to make the dances fun for all to attend!

Thanks again for all of your support!
The Dance Committee



Going Away Party
March 26 – 1pm to 5pm
Poolside

Chicken Bar-B-Que is being cooked up by Archie and his guys on the grill. We will provide side dishes and dessert. Please bring your own tableware and drinks. We will have live music to sing and dance. \$15 per person. Tickets are limited to 100 and can be purchased at coffee & donuts or at 121 or 271.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 29,
2027



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 - mcglenna5@yahoo.com

Thank you so much!

Gardening Word Search

I just wanted to thank everyone for the surprise 90th birthday party! I sure was surprised! To those who planned the party and everyone thoughtful enough to attend, Thank You. God has truly blessed me to have such friends (and neighbors). Thanks again from the bottom of my heart!

Faye Newman



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. Also let me know if your lot number is wrong. The email address for the Orange Pulp is citrusridgepulp@gmail.com

Sharon Schneider - Lot 454

GARDEN	F P O R B S Y F T A O C S U D
PLANT	N R A R D R E L R M U F F S E
SEED	U H U P R I O O A S M P O N E
FRUIT	L A L I E H G W A C H V R P S
VEGETABLE	J H N I T R A E N H L O C I I
SOIL	U A P E A O L R I O E L V C N
WATER	P R N S W O T E V S V T O E T
SUN	R V R O K C H A T E E A O X L
GLOVES	O E C I A S O D E C G M B E R
SHOVEL	T S S U L R O A T H E T B T S
FLOWER	R T S N O W P L A N T N A R U
SOW	S U N P U M P K I I A E L Y M
HARVEST	W G S N E R O D H S B H L B M
SPRING	H O S E V O L G U T L D R A E
SUMMER	L H O W E L T E R M E C R B R
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