



Citrus Ridge

The Orange Pulp

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From the Boardroom

Well, it's that time of the year again and many of us will be leaving our Citrus Ridge homes to visit our summer retreats. I wish for everyone to have a safe trip back to wherever your travels take you, and for everyone staying home here at the Ridge". Enjoy the beautiful summer.

I like to think of all of us as one big family and I look forward to seeing all my family again in the fall!

Stay safe. Stay Healthy

***Russ Fuller,
CRNA Board President***

Park Maintenance

Pool and Spa

The pool cover was stored away for the summer and a team was assembled to clean all the chairs, tables and deck. Many thanks to them!

The spa developed a chemical imbalance necessitating a complete draining and refilling of the tub. It was determined that contamination from sun tan lotions and oils was most likely the root cause of the issue. Please remember to shower before using the spa according to the posted "Spa Rules" and refrain from using any soaps or lotions in the spa. This will help avoid downtime and costly service in the future.

Housekeeping

A meeting was held with our housekeeping service provider to discuss our expectations, their responsibilities, and service improvement opportunities. We also confirmed their weekly cleaning schedule that occurs each Monday evening. Codie has prepared a form for residents, available in the office, to submit any concerns you might have that will be forwarded to our housekeeping supervision for resolution.

Lawn Maintenance

Gene has been spending a good deal of time reviewing the quality of lawn care in the park and discussing opportunities with Tiger to provide the best service possible. He is very dedicated to our community and is working to maximize our satisfaction. If you have any specific concerns, please see Codie in the office to complete a form that will be reviewed and concerns addressed.

Please note that our work specifications require grass to be mowed at least 40 times a year during the mowing season depending on rainfall amounts or extended dry periods at a cut height of no less than 3½" depending on conditions. Edging is completed bi-weekly.

For your information, the remaining 2024 mowing schedule is as follows:
May: 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27 June: 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24 July: 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29
August: 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26 September: 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30
October: 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28 November: 11/11, 11/25 December: 12/9, 12/23



Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Church

Our Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Church bells may not be ringing on Sunday morning, but I pray you have found a local Bible-teaching church to attend for the summer!

In April's Orange Pulp, I reported the names of the CRNC officers for the 2024-2025 season. Now throughout the summer months, you're going to meet them through our OP church articles! Since Sharon Schneider (editor) will be publishing the OP monthly during the summer, I have asked our officers if they would like to take turns writing the church articles. So be prepared to get to know them a little better, and maybe read their testimony or a "go-to" Scripture verse that encourages them in their daily walk of faith. I will begin this self-introduction.

Jeff and I are "home-grown" Ohio Buckeyes! We have been residents of Citrus Ridge

since 2003 after retiring from corporate jobs in 1997/1998 respectively. Our "after-retirement" jobs included being a school bus driver (Jeff), substitute teacher for grades K-2 (Pam) and twelve years at Walt Disney World. Jeff was a member of the CRNA Board from 2013-2016, and I served as Activities Director from 2014-2016. We both were honored to initiate and Chair the annual CR Veterans Day activities and also serve as Coordinators for our CR "Angels" serving at Give Kids The World for several years. But then God called both Jeff and me to become more involved in our Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Church, our most "eternal" calling! We are busy throughout the week preparing the audio/video needs for our Sunday morning services and working alongside our many volunteers who bring God's Word to our community. Jeff and I are so blessed to work together in God's calling upon our lives and share the Scripture verse above our entry

doorway that says, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15).

As you know, part of our weekly CRNC services includes praying for those who have expressed prayer needs within our church family and community. Now that we are in our summer season, the Lord has placed a calling upon several of our hearts to have a prayer ministry for Citrus Ridge during these summer months. If you have a prayer request or need, please contact either LaGonda Tackett (321-830-0815) or Pam Whittington (614-286-0528). And if you feel called to be part of this prayer ministry as a Prayer Warrior, please contact either LaGonda or Pam. In James 5:16 we read, "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."

I shared this blessing in my church report in April's CRNA Monthly Meeting, and I want to share it with you now. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26) And all of God's people said, "**AMEN!**"

***Pam Whittington, Chairperson
Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Church***

Pastor's Corner

Dear Citrus Ridge Church family. Recently my life has been impacted through a new friend that is experiencing addiction problems. The process of coming to the realization that this addiction is having drastic effects on himself and all those within his friends and family was difficult to admit. His first reaction was that he could solve the problem without any assistance or resources outside of his own will and his ability to reason and think through this dilemma. This is not uncommon for addicts to think this way. If you Google addiction psychology you will discover that 1 in 7 Americans suffer from some sort of addiction, alcohol, drugs, food, anger, sex, gambling, mental disorder, etc. In fact, Wikipedia states addiction psychology is the oldest definition of

a lack of self control from something that has a rewarding effect that keeps them coming back. They state that there are two forms of addiction. One, a disease model of addiction that is genetic or environmental in nature. Second, a choice model of addiction that is voluntary actions. Addiction psychology is the science of the mind, how we reason, think, feel, will, perceive, judge etc. Has I contemplated on these issues I was reminded of what Scripture has to say about the mind of man. We are born genetically in sin due to the fall, additionally, we choose to sin willfully because we think our choice has rewards that out-weigh the risk. Amazingly, Scripture says we are dead in our trespasses and sin. We are unable to recover on our own. The picture of man's condition is that of a dead man someone unable to come to life without some miracle of restoration enacted on him. My friend is currently in a 30-day program of addiction recovery facility that cost him twenty thousand dollars to be helped. There is no guarantee that he will overcome this addiction. Addictions according to the Bible are not 1 in 7, but 7 in 7. The problem is more severe and rampant than we think. Does any of this sound familiar? It is no wonder that church attendance or Biblical resources are waning in our world since most think we are fine and doing quite well. Scripture gives a different diagnosis, "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. (Romans 3:10-11). Sadly, most addicts will not hear these words, but some will if they perceive their problem severe enough. Jesus Christ is our only hope of addiction.

Your recovering pastor. Phil



CRUISES OF A LIFETIME - Come see a bit of the World with us!!!
Flyers are posted at

the Club House & Main Mail boxes & on Citrus Ridge - Unofficial Facebook group.

Citrus Ridge have put together a short cruise for 2025. . A first for us with MSC, we will have a day at sea, then go to Ocean Cay Preserve and Nassau before coming back to Port Canaveral. Flyers posted & can be picked up at the clubhouse. We have enough people signed up that we have 2 buses booked (\$45 pp) to take us to the terminal and pick us up. Please join us for our last fun short cruise!!! **Call Frank at 843-455-1400 to book and lock in this great price.**

We will no longer be in charge of cruises, Carolyn Wilson & Kathy Merinsky will take over cruises. Thank you for taking over, we look forward to seeing what you have in store for Citrus Ridge future cruises.



GAD A BOUT TRIPS - Flyers are posted at the Club House & Main Mail boxes & on Citrus Ridge - Unofficial Facebook group.

Contact us at 717 350 6964, or jwvideo1@gmail.com, if you have any ideas for the next season's trips. Or to let us know what we could do to improve these experiences for all.

Thank You to all who went on trips with us this season.

Your GadABOUT Hosts, John & Sue, Lot 188



CAP Report

Just a reminder that the public roads outside Citrus Ridge are no longer golf cart "friendly". This includes Citrus Ridge Drive (outside of park) and all subdivisions either side of Citrus Ridge Drive. Non licensed/registered golf carts

are no longer permitted to travel these roads per Polk County Sheriff Department.

Our community PCSO liaison is Deputy Pastor. He is available by phone (863)956-6658. Residents should contact him with questions you might have relative to law enforcement.

Next CAP meeting is May 6th, 7pm in the Activity Hall.

Safe patrols!

Gerry Beeman, Citrus Ridge CAP, Lot 225



New Members

Barbara Ponesse - Lot 421
Longmont, CO
Previous owner - Michael McCarthy

Russell Fredette & Linda Borges - Lot 319
New Bedford, MA
Previous owner - Gary Foley

Michael & Lisa Mack - Lot 44
Round Rock, TX
Previous owner - Janet Anderson

Don & Chantal Twerdun - Lot 195
Lucknow, ONT, Canada
Previous owner - Ben Harwood

Lorri Downey - Lot 357
Kissimmee, FL
Previous owner - Amanda Senko

Sunshine News

Illnesses: None



Deaths: None



As mentioned in the March update we needed to address any

leaks in the pool before we could understand the amount of work required to refurbish the pool. As you may already know the board decided to proceed with the pressure test and it identified a leak at our vacuum line fitting. The test was performed on Apr 2 nd and included checking each drain on the skimmer ledge as well as the main drain at the bottom of the pool. It also included each of the inlet jets and each of the underwater light fixtures. The leak was repaired on the spot using an epoxy putty and we were assured it is a permanent fix.

We have received most of the quotes and information requested from several pool restoration companies. The information has been organized into a spreadsheet and will be passed on to the board with recommendations for their future consideration.

We are still expecting one additional quote involving improvements to our pump room to make it more efficient and reliable. We have some very old pumps, valves and plumbing that needs updating sooner than later. The best time to make any changes in the pump room would be while the pool is drained for resurfacing.

A couple of issues to be addressed before resurfacing can commence is dealing with the void below the sunken concrete slab near the pumphouse that was identified by Alpha Foundations on Feb 14 th as well as providing better drainage for rain water to escape along the clubhouse and around the pumphouse.

That's all for now,

Paul Wise, lot 386
Multi Year Planning Chair



We have reached

our goal, we have a full Pickleball court including a fence. The fence was installed by Summerlin Feed and Fence on Apr 16th to finish things off. Although it did give the players waiting to play something to do it will be great not having to retrieve balls.



Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with all the fundraising as well as all the generous donations over the last few years. We would also like to thank the visionaries who initiated this project many years ago knowing it would be good for our park. Thanks to Lois Marston, Barry and Betty McDonagh and Marylyn Williams for their push from the beginning.

See you around the court,

Your Pickleball Committee,
Paul & Audrey Wise, Ruth Dore, & Debbie Cassidy.



Mark your calendars now for the following **dances for next season:**

Fall Fest. Friday November 1, 2024 8pm-11pm
\$10.00.

New Years Eve Tuesday December 31, 2024
A Black & White Affair 8pm-12:30am - **\$10.00**

Sweetheart Sock Hop Friday February 14,
2025 8pm-11pm - **\$10.00**



Activity Board Report

And with the end of April, we close the books on the Winter season. Seasonal activities have ended and the summer quiet descends on us here at Citrus Ridge.

The Activity Board had their meeting and started planning for our next winter season which will begin October 8. Almost all activities have a chair signed up. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to chair an activity. Without you, it would be very boring around here!!

We are still in need of a permanent chair for Wednesday Craft Days. Sandy has taken a temporary chair role for it, but we still need someone to step up to do it on a regular basis. So if you enjoy doing crafts, think about being the chair. You wouldn't necessarily have to do the crafts yourself. Guest crafters can come in to help. You would just organize it.

Our Pot of Gold activities have been picked for next season. And there was a discussion about having an extra blood drive and extra day for Prevention Plus to come here.

We are very excited for next season, and we wish everyone a very happy and safe summer. See you in the fall!!

Sharon Schneider, Secretary – Lot 454

Birthdays & Anniversaries

5/20 Russ & Debbie Fuller 280
 5/21 David & Betty Kersey 455



Please let folks know my mom, **Norma Graves** formally from lot 247 has her 95th birthday coming up on May 10.

Mom is now living with my sister and her husband, Mary Jayne and Roy Woodside in NC .

I feel mom would love to hear from her friends in CR for this special occasion. My parents lived at 361 back in the 90's for many years. They moved to Winter Haven to a larger place after selling their home in Maine. Five years after Dad passed away Mom "came home" to CR and stayed there five years before moving to NC.

Her address is
 19 Covington Ct.
 New Bern, NC 28560

It would be nice if she received 95 cards.

Thanks for everything.
Deb Littlefield

Birthdays:	Lot #
5/6 Bob Speace	288
5/8 Vince Brown	219
5/9 Pat Aldrich	335
5/9 Jeff Crawshaw	206
5/11 Dot Knupp	228
5/11 Susan Graves	86
5/11 Brian Barrett	73
5/17 David Edwards	246
5/17 David Eastridge	100
5/18 Karen Crosby	277
5/18 Marilyn Williams	121
5/19 Lois Bobbett	32
5/20 Maurice Macie	396
5/21 Kathy Merinsky	7
5/24 Stan Liddell	117
5/24 Maxine Phelps	205
5/24 Eva Sleeper	327
5/29 Sharon Schneider	454
5/30 Tim McGuire	330

Anniversaries:

5/1 Ken & Elaine Cook	395
5/2 Robert & Mynona Paige	237
5/2 Rich & Earlene LaPland	259
5/12 Richard & Betty Talbot	418
5/17 Brian & Jacynthe Barrett	73
5/18 Vince & Cheryl Brown	219
5/18 Patrick & Donna Lee	222



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANER CLOSET



For some time we have had an informal Medical Equipment Loaner Closet. It consisted of various donated equipment and was kept in the shed of our former resident Joe Rupsch. Joe has since moved into Assisted Living and sold his home. We are now using the shed used for the floating garden supplies

as they had additional room and could share with the medical supplies.

Our equipment includes the following: wheelchairs, walkers, canes knee rollers, potty chairs, shower chairs and some other miscellaneous items. These items are available to our members for loan to assist in recovery and **used at your own risk.**

Anna Stokes (937-684-2853) is the primary keeper of the closet and should be contacted if you have a need. If she is unavailable, Denise Mayberry (863-732-4026) or Marilyn Williams (603-867-8577) can help you.

If you have a need I hope we can help.

Anna Stokes

thank You
for Your
awesomeness

Our heartfelt thanks go out to each of the gentlemen that showed up to help us with the removal of our shed so

we (dad) and I could build a wall that was missing from the side of the house we purchased.

Thank you!
Mark & Sharon Campbell



nothing to see Here

No reports from Beautification, Give Kids the World, Library, Gym or Red Hats..



I hope you are enjoying the new Orange Pulp. I will be publishing it monthly

throughout the summer as well as our 2024-2025 season.

If you are new to Citrus Ridge and would like your birthday and anniversary listed here in the Pulp, you can email me, or leave a note in the Orange Pulp mailbox on my porch.

The email address for the Orange Pulp is citrusridgepulp@gmail.com

Sharon Schneider - Lot 454

