



Citrus Ridge

The Orange Pulp

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



From the Boardroom

Well, the year of 2026 is on the way with all different kinds of weather. A week of cold then a week of almost too hot, lol, remember normal highs and lows this time of year are 73 & 49. Try to enjoy our weather because it is much worse elsewhere.

The 1st mailing is out and you should all have your copies. If for some reason you did not get a copy please stop by the office and pick up a package. Just a reminder of some important dates that are coming up. The date of February 12 th is Candidate's Night in the Clubhouse at 7:00pm. The next date is February 13 th that is the last date for candidates to submit their resume to be included in the second mailing. On February 16 th we will start to get the second mailing out to everyone.

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.

Bill Crews has been cutting around the park for 2 weeks now and is going to be rapping up soon, so if you have a tree in need of trimming, please get ahold of him by calling 863-212-0063 or coming to the office.

Well, the last thing I have is the water department is not finished with their work in our park. We are waiting for them to come

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and have a walk around with us to ensure that all the work is complete.

Well, that's all for now and I hope to see you around the park.

Johnny Redd
CRNA Board President



Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Church

It's a new year, and we are thankful for living in this community of Citrus Ridge where our friends and neighbors are "family" ...and each Sunday morning we can gather and worship as God's family!

We are so blessed to have Pastor Phil McClain and his wife Glenna return to Citrus Ridge where he will continue his ministry for our Neighborhood Church through Easter Sunday on April 5. Holy Communion continues to be observed on the first Sunday of each month, and Fellowship Sunday is enjoyed on the third Sunday of each month from 9a-9:30a before our church service begins at 9:30. Each Sunday afternoon at 1p we are showing an episode of "The Chosen" which is a mini-series of Jesus' three-year ministry. We are currently watching Season 5 which begins with the observance of Passover in Jerusalem. We will continue showing "The Chosen" until Easter.

Everyone is invited to join us at our weekly Bible Study led by Pastor Phil on Tuesdays

at 2p in the Clubhouse. We are studying the Book of Romans, so be sure to bring your Bibles and questions as we learn together how wide and how deep God's love is for us all.

On Monday, January 12, Evelyn Subotin and Glenna McClain hosted our Annual Ladies' Salad Luncheon. Forty-one ladies attended this event to enjoy fun fellowship and eating all those delicious salads. Thank you, ladies, for volunteering your time and donating the funds toward this ladies' event! And just a note...to continue this event next year, we will be looking for a couple of ladies to carry on this annual tradition.

On Friday, February 6, you are all invited to the annual Church Dinner beginning at 5:30p in the Clubhouse. A signup sheet is available, so please let us know if you plan to attend. The church will provide meat, dessert and drinks. Your contribution will be a dish-to-pass and your individual place setting. (No desserts, please, since they will be provided.) Then at 6:30p "The Singing Christians" (a ladies' trio from South Carolina) will be presenting God's Word to us in song. For those who may choose not to come early for the meal at 5:30, you are still welcome to join us at 6:30 for the singing. A love offering will be taken to support the ladies' ministry. Remember, this dinner and entertainment are open to ALL Citrus Ridge residents, and we'd love to have you join us. Be sure to sign up by Wednesday, February 4!

Our CRNC Welcome brochure has just recently been updated and copies are now available. Did you know that our Neighborhood Church has been a spiritual resource to our CRNA community for over 40 years?! This brochure explains the mission of our church and introduces you to the various functions performed through its ministry. Be sure to pick up a copy for yourself (in the Clubhouse), and pick one up for your neighbor too! We recently announced a new outreach ministry that our church is initiating called

"Helping Hands." The Mission of this ministry is as follows: "Putting our faith into action by reaching out to help and serve our community in practical ways." Its Purpose is, "To provide various and discreet assistance for residents of Citrus Ridge Neighborhood community only." Assistance may include, but is not limited to: emotional support, minimal home care, dog walking, transportation, and limited financial assistance. If you would like to be part of this ministry, either as a recipient or a "helping hand", please contact Linda Meixner (lot 398), Dean Flanagan (lot 443), or other members of our community church.

We have often heard the phrase (which is also a Scripture verse) that says it is more blessed to give than to receive. The needs of our Citrus Ridge community are many. As your Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Church, our purpose is to be the hands and feet of Christ...to love and to serve. And all of God's children said, "**AMEN!**"

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



Thank you to all of our Citrus Ridge Neighbors who contributed to the Food Pantry in 2025. Thanks to your generosity we were able to deliver 156 bags of groceries to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank in Haines City. (More than 1500 lbs. of food) This Food Bank is one of the largest in our area and serves several hundred needy patrons. Your contributions are very much appreciated. Thank you for your concern for the needs of others and thank you for your continued participation.

If you have not donated in the past we hope that you will consider donating to the Food Pantry. Please bring your donations of IN DATE canned, bottled and boxed food to the

Clubhouse and place it in the plastic containers located just inside the front entrance on the right.

Thanks for helping our needy neighbors in surrounding communities who are less fortunate than ourselves. God bless you.

**Margaret and Oscar Fowler – Lot 383
Co-Chairs- Food Pantry Committee**



In January our Angels served 210 family members in Cafe Clayton. We also welcomed a New Angel, Timothy Krupp, joining us. A few Angels took the opportunity to try a New position. We thank each & every Angel that joined us at the Village, it was an enjoyable evening.

Give Kids The World was built for the families who need it most. Families who arrive overwhelmed by uncertainty and desperate for even one day that feels "normal." Here, time slows. Stress lifts. Hope becomes possible again.

Every week, parents tell us the same thing: they didn't realize how much they were carrying until they walked through the Village Gates. Families are overwhelmed!

Having a week at the Village is unbelievable:

- No grocery shopping
- not deciding what to make for supper (numerous choices in Cafe)
- no dishes
- Activities both inside/outside Village
- No doctor/hospital visits

It's hard to imagine what their life is like. With caring hearts, **we make a difference!**

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.

The following are the remaining dates we have secured to volunteer in Cafe Clayton for this Season (sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse).

February 5th, 2026 (**deadline:** Jan 29th by Noon)

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.volistics.com/appform/679955857>

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

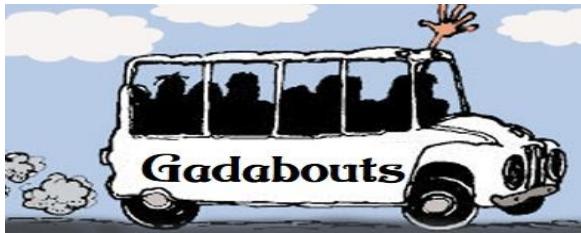
Group Name: Citrus Ridge

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

Thanks for joining us at the Village, **YOU do make an Important Difference!**

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.

Upcoming trips:

February 28 – Note: there was a date change on this trip (prev. Feb. 7) Coca Beach Sip & Stroll (this is an evening trip) - \$89 – collecting now for this trip

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 – Sign up now

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.**



**Citrus Ridge
Cruisers and
Land Lubbers**

Dates to Remember

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**

CAP French Toast Breakfast will be held Saturday, February 14, 7am-9am. All you can eat French Toast, Jimmy Dean sausage, fruit cup, orange juice, and coffee. Tickets are \$8 and available at the Tuesday C&D, Gerry Beeman (225), Ron Marks (408), or at the door. Pot of Gold will be drawn. Please support your local CAP group!

January 22nd we had the privilege to host the county wide training for all new county CAP members. Twenty six graduated from the class. The PCSO helicopter landed and

picked up Sheriff Judd after he graduated the class. Thanks to the many Citrus Ridge CAP members who helped in this fun and rewarding effort.

Congratulations and welcome to our newest Citrus Ridge CAP members William and Jane Reynolds.

Next meeting February 2, 7pm in the Activity Hall.

See you at the breakfast!

Safe Patrols!

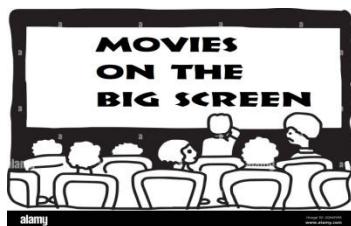
Gerry Beeman, Citrus Ridge CAP, Lot 225



Our Red Hat ladies will not have any in the park gatherings for

the month of February. We have a new Queen in the park which is Carla Friend and her assistant is Martha Carpenter. Becky Chapman volunteered to take care of our computer needs. Thank you ladies for taking on this. Happy to know that Red Hats will be able to continue.

Sincerely, Queen Bernice



February 21 – “Bridget Jones Mad About The Boy”

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

Film trailers are posted on Facebook before the show date.



New Members

Lot 353 - Susan Kondelka
Current renter
Previous owner - Michael Polley

Lot 362 - Martin & Lisa Nees
Wentzville, MO
Previous owner - Deborah Maddox



3rd Annual Duck Races

Saturday, 2/28/26 - 1 pm
Poolside

Sunshine News



Illnesses:

- Lucretia Ross still remains in Solaris Healthcare for rehab

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

Deaths:

- Roland Kelley passed away 1-7-26 in the VA Hospital
- David Kersey passed away 1-7-26 at home
- Roger Walters passed away 1-15-26 at VA Hospice

- Stan Liddell passed away 1-16-26 in Michigan

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



Book Club



Book Club will be meeting on February 9 at 2 pm in the Activity Hall to discuss **Nine Minutes Eleven Seconds** by L.V. Pedersen. Hosted by Sherry. **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

I'd like to start by sharing a few highlights from the past few weeks. First, the Christmas dinner was a huge success with 142 meals being served. On December 31st many residents rang in 2026 at the New Year's Eve Dance. On January 11th the Memorial Service was a beautiful tribute to the lives of 21 of our friends and neighbors who passed on in 2025. The Ladies Salad Luncheon was enjoyed by all and even though we've all been wearing sweatshirts the past few days it didn't stop people

coming out to enjoy the Red Hat Ice Cream Social. On January 19th we had our biggest turnout for Trivia Night with 106 participants.

February will be a busy month:

- Feb. 10th from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm is the next Blood Drive. You can schedule an appointment or they will take walk ins.
- Feb. 12th at 7:00 pm is Candidates Night
- Feb. 14th from 7:00 – 9:00 am is the annual CAP French Toast Breakfast, the cost is \$8. Tickets are being sold at Coffee & Donuts and at the door.
- Also, on Feb. 14th from 7:30 – 10:30 pm is the Valentine's Day Dance, the cost is \$10. Tickets are being sold at Coffee & Donuts and at the door.
- Feb. 15th at 1:00 pm is the Strawberry Shortcake Social, the cost is \$7. Tickets are being sold in **advance only** at Coffee & Donuts or from Marilyn Williams Lot 121 or Anna Stokes Lot 271.
- Feb. 16th is the next Trivia Night
- The week of Feb. 23rd – Feb. 27th is Senior Olympics. Look for more info on the back of the Feb. calendar.
- On Feb. 25th Prevention Plus will be in the Activity Hall from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. They provide many different health screenings so, if you are interested, pick up one of their flyers on the ledge in the Clubhouse and call for an appointment.
- Feb. 28th at 1:00 pm is the 3rd annual Duck Race which is held poolside. Tickets are \$5.00/a piece or get a quack pack, 6 tickets for \$25. Tickets sold at Coffee & Donuts or from Darin & Kari Larson, Lot 366, Bill & Jane Reynolds, Lot 420, Anna Stokes, Lot 271. There will be a hot dog, chips and a soda lunch for \$5.00 while supply lasts. POG will be sold.

- Also, the Gad 'abouts Sip and Stroll trip to Cocoa Village has been postponed, originally scheduled for Feb. 7th is now scheduled for Feb. 28th. You can still participate in the Duck Race as the bus doesn't leave until 3:15 pm.

Please pick up a February calendar as all the information you need to participate and enjoy the events happening this month are listed on the back.

Make sure to mark your calendar for the Spring Craft Fair, Flea Market and Yard Sales on March 6th & 7th. More information is in this publication and will be posted around the park and shared on the unofficial Citrus Ridge Facebook page.

In addition, if you have volunteered in any way this 2025/2026 season, mark your calendar for March 11th at 1:00 pm for the Volunteer Luncheon. The Activity Board wishes to thank each and every one of you for donating your time and talents to help in making our community a great place to live. The Volunteers of the Year will be announced.

Peggy Bradley, President



Candidates Night
Thursday February 12, 2026 – 7 pm



Currently the main focus of our Multi Year Planning committee is "The Future Paving of our Parking Lots and Roads"

Our roads and parking lots are about 40 yrs old and were resurfaced approx. 18 yrs ago.

The board has slated the clubhouse parking lot for paving in 2027 with the roads split up in the following years. Our committee has met 3 times over the last 2 months and have focused on the clubhouse parking lot. We have been looking at options to increase the number of parking spaces for golf carts as well as possible water flow improvements.

We have contacted one contractor thus far and they been here to assess our pavement. They have provided us with some useful information and their recommendation is to mill our pavement down approx 1.5" and repave the same amount on top.

The goal is to maintain the current height and were possible improve the flow. The removed millings would be available for use elsewhere in the park if we have a need for them.

They also recommended to schedule full days of work for the milling machine since it is very expensive and will save us money in the long run to keep it busy each day its here.

We will be contacting other contractors in the near future to gain further knowledge.

That's all for now, Thank you

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



This month I took advantage of the left over dirt and gravel

near the club house and filled in some holes around the park, 1 at the little gazebo, 1 in behind the pool and along the side walk up at the large gazebo. Jim Young #13 and Bob Paige #237 helped me with the ones at the big gazebo. They leveled and redid the pavers around the plants. Jim and Bob also helped shovel gravel into buckets, we added the gravel between the new tiles and fence around the pool, in front of the pump house, beside the petanque court and around 2 palm trees next to the horseshoe pit. The gravel was a perfect match. I planted a new cacti at the Activity Hall Cacti garden and removed the Century plant that was blown over by the strong wind.

Thanks to Tina and Tim lot #337 for donating pavers. I used them to rebuild a garden along the canal, extend the pavers around the garden at the dumpster and new pavers around the tree across from the dumpster.

Unfortunately, the cold weather and frost has killed some of the flowers and bushes in the park, but like in the past, we just need to trim the bushes back and they usually regrow.

Donna #21 has been weeding and gardening at the Activity Hall. Connie #138 trimmed and raked along the forest near the dumpster, the gardens across from the club house, the median and the garden on the other side of the pool fence. Lynne and Fred Jones #83 thinned and pruned the green lily plants that surround the front and back of the office building garden. In addition, in this area they weeded, trimmed back and pruned the Hibiscus bushes surrounding the office. During the cold weather period the Poinsettia plants were moved inside to protect them from the frost. In the large

garden area at the entrance/exit to Citrus Ridge they weeded, trimmed and pruned the various bushes and plants. Lucy #108 has been weeding and watering the garden up at the dumpster. Barb #3 has been weeding and trimming the garden along the fence line behind her home. Rick #158 continues to spray for weeds thru out the park. Thanks to Randy/Razz lot #308 for donating a Hibiscus bush, which I planted in the median.



Garden of the month, is home owner Mildred #46 she has beautiful cacti gardens. Next month we will select another homeowner.

We will have our second meeting of the year on February 2, 2026, 11:00 am at the Activity Hall.

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 #

2/4	Bonnie McLaughlin	207
2/5	Marilyn Sabas	305
2/6	Sally Walther	80

2/8	Rick Kresge	158
2/9	Peggy Bradley	140
2/11	Gwendolyn Krupka	60
2/15	Dale Gossard	52
2/16	Maxine Moore	138
2/16	Faye Newman	65
2/17	Robert Scripko	82
2/19	Nancy Zion	98
2/21	John Hofeditz	203
2/23	JoAnn Rohn	191
2/23	Earl Creed	458
2/23	Sue Wright	165
2/23	Bob Kirlis	49
2/24	Carmen Kelley	133
2/24	Judy Newton	313
2/25	Sue Graham	412
2/25	Catherine Thompson	340
2/27	Hannah Case	372
2/27	Patrick Malmay	125
2/28	Paul Grant	22
2/29	Art Simmons	289

Anniversaries:

2/14	Steve & Liz Kelley	381
2/22	Clay & Mary Caddy	1



**Sunday February 15, 2026
at 1 pm in the clubhouse.**

\$7 – Pre-purchase tickets

*Tickets available at Coffee & Donuts
or from Anna Stokes at 271 or*

*Marilyn Williams at 121.
Everyone is welcome*



**Woodstock
Theme
Valentines
Dance**

Get groovy! Dress in your best Woodstock inspired outfit! Dance to the tunes of Geri Blount!
Friday, February 14, 2026 – 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

\$10 a ticket
Tickets available at Coffee and Donuts and From Anna at Lot 271.



Monday, February 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.)

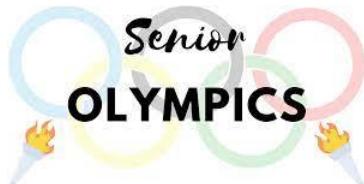
Contact any Activity Board member for details



**One Blood
Bloodmobile**

**The Big Red Bus arrives Tuesday,
February 10, 2026
9 am to 2:30 pm by the Office
Register Online to donate at
donor.oneblood.org**

For additional information contact Karen Flanagan, Lot 443 or call 609-335-0319



2026 Citrus Ridge Senior Olympics

Monday, Feb. 23–Friday, Feb. 27, 2026
Banquet on Friday, February 27, 2026

The 2026 Citrus Ridge Senior Olympics is fast approaching and it's time to sign up in the Clubhouse. The signup sheet will be in the clubhouse on February 1. Please sign up by February 21. The cost to participate will be \$7 per person whether you participate in one event or all events.

The starting event will be Texas Hold'Em Tourney which starts at 6 pm on Monday 2/23. The closing event will be the banquet and awards on Friday 2/27 starting at 5:30 pm. Main events will be Tuesday and Wednesday at 9 am with Thursday as the rain date. We will also participate in Euchre on Thursday night at 6:30 pm (cost \$2.50). Euchre is optional. A list of events will be available in the clubhouse on Feb. 1.

For the banquet, we will have stuffed chicken, potatoes and dessert. Please bring a non dessert side dish and your own table settings and drinks.

We are returning to the original way of doing things. There will be a 50/50.

Any questions?

Rose E – Lot 273
Anna Mae – Lot 271
Michael H – Lot 271
Kurt - Lot 199



FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2027

Golden Gala



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

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 - mcglennga5@yahoo.com



March 6 and 7 are the dates for the “BIG ONE”. That's right. The Flea Market is back, with the individual Yard Sales AND the Craft Fair. What a weekend. So, mark your calendar now and plan to join us.

Sharon Campbell is coordinator for the Flea Market. Directions for drop off will follow shortly. Margie Rainwater is coordinator for the Yard Sale again this year. Registration forms will be available later in the month. Our Craft Fair will be bigger and better than ever. At this point we have only 2 spots left for vendors. If you would like to join us call me ASAP. 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. Lunch is available after 10:00AM.

As always, we will be having a raffle table, bake sale, Pot-O-Gold and lunch items. And of course, we need your help with contributions for the Bake Sale, and Raffle Table; Yard Sale traffic control and parking; Flea Market set-up, sales and clean-up; and Fair helpers for set-up and clean-up. A sign up sheet is in the Club House. See you there.

Jo Ann Rohn 215-704-4119
Margie Rainwater 616-272-2037
Sharon Campbell 603-438-6552



Memorial Service

I want to thank everyone that had a big part in this year's Memorial Service. If it wasn't for all of you it could not be done. Starting with Codie mailing out all the letters, to the end clean up and everyone in between. Thank you so much!

Barbara Wright

Regarding the Holiday Dances

A shout out to Beth Ramsey and crew! We are so lucky to have you and your talents along with your imagination for decorating to

make our dances so festive. People do not think of the time and effort that goes into these events.

The New Year's Eve dance was awesome and we are sure the next dance for Valentine will Prove to be the same special over the top event!!

Thank you Beth and crew for your time and hard work.

Please remember everyone, these events need your support and participation.

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for their continued prayers and support you have given me and Dave. Bringing us meals, sending us cards and your continued prayers meant the world to us. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Betty Kersey



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