



Citrus Ridge

The Orange Pulp

The unofficial newsletter of the Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Association.

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From the Boardroom

Things are beginning to look and sound more like our Citrus Ridge community as residents continue to return, park activities start back up, and local traffic increases☺. For those yet to arrive, we wish you safe travels and look forward to your return.

With the rainy season now behind us, Tiger's mowing schedule will be two weeks a month on 11/10 and 11/24. The curb-side disposal pick-days are Tuesdays and Fridays. Please be sure to honor the disposal price list posted throughout the park and available in the office.

The pool continued to operate smoothly over the summer due to the good maintenance and cleaning services provided by Polynesian Pool & Spa.

In speaking with Polk County Utilities and their contractor manager last week, the recovery repair work for streets, driveways, and yards is to be completed during the first week of November. This will also include the clean-up and construction equipment removal from the overflow parking area next to the Clubhouse. Additionally, the new water main and meter moves on Mandarin and Marsh Streets are now scheduled to be completed prior to Thanksgiving. Thanks for everyone's patience during this project.

We are looking forward to the monthly Workshop, Planning Meeting, and Board Meeting in November. See you there!

Gene Bradley, CRNA Board Director for Johnny Redd, CRNA Board President



Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Church

It's that time of year again when we "fall back" on November 2

from Daylight Saving time and look forward to our Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Church (CRNC) starting on November 9! Our "church" doors (Clubhouse) will open to welcome you to our 9:30 am service where you will be part of our praise and worship of our Almighty God. Pastor Alan Tison will be ministering to us during the months of November & December. We look forward to Pastor Alan and his wife Lori being part of our church family once again. Holy Communion will be served on November 9 and the first Sunday of each month thereafter. There will also be a signup sheet at Church if you would like to be a greeter to our church family on Sunday mornings. Pastor Phil McClain and Glenna will return to our Citrus Ridge community in January to continue his ministry through Easter with weekly Bible Study each Tuesday at 2p in the Clubhouse.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our first Church Committee Meeting to be held on Monday, November 3 at 7p in the Clubhouse. Remember you are all part of the body of Christ and are welcome to attend! Future committee meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month in the Activity Hall at 7 pm.

And now let's talk about the Samaritan's Purse® Operation Christmas Child! Citrus Ridge has participated in this ministry for several years reaching hundreds of children throughout the world with the love of Jesus. The red shoeboxes (with labels) have been placed in the Clubhouse and are available for you to fill with items for either a boy or girl by age group (2-4, 5-9, 10-14). Once filled, these boxes can be delivered to the homes of LaGonda & Mason Tackett (lot 2) or Dean & Karen Flanagan (lot 443). Please do not wrap the boxes since items are viewed by Samaritan's Purse before shipping for safety/security purposes. Filled shoeboxes should be delivered to the Tacketts or Flanagans or brought to church no later than November 16 (Sunday) so the shoeboxes can be delivered for world distribution through the Samaritan's Purse foundation. Monetary donations via check (payable to CRNC) or cash can also be made toward this ministry. We have been blessed in past years by your generous hearts and giving spirits and thank you for being part of this world-wide ministry.

Our church calendar this season is a busy one as we look forward to Christmas celebrations which will include Christmas Caroling and our Christmas Eve Service. Details of these events will be in the December Orange Pulp. You can then look forward to our January events including Fellowship Sundays (the third Sunday of each month) where friends gather at 9a before our 9:30a church service for hot refreshments and pastries, and, of course, the fellowship! Then also in January, we will continue with the showing of "The Chosen" (Season 5) on Sunday afternoons at 1p in the Clubhouse.

This season of our lives has been especially difficult for many in our Citrus Ridge community. We know that the days of our lives are uncertain, but we also know that God tells us in Hebrews 13:5 that He will neither leave us nor forsake us. There is a song that we often sing on Sunday mornings that reminds us of this promise..."Because He Lives."

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;

*Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

Our prayer for you, dear friends, is that you will be comforted by the One who holds you tenderly in the palm of His hand. **And all of God's people said, "AMEN!"**

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



Many thanks to the Citrus Ridge residents who contributed to the Food Pantry during the summer months. We welcome the Winter residents back to Citrus Ridge. As you settle in, please consider dropping off non-perishable food items to the collection boxes just inside the front doors of our Club House. We deliver this food to the Food Distribution Center in Haines City monthly. Your contributions are greatly appreciated by us and the many needy Polk County residents. Please check your pantry to see if you may have "over shopped" and have a surplus of non-perishable products. Better yet, when you go to the grocery store, buy a few items for the Food Pantry.

Thank you for your generosity,

***Margaret and Oscar Fowler, Lot 383
Chairpersons***



Email: gelos706@gmail.com 13062216000
(Canada)

Interested in joining our CR Angels? Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Village. Our passionate volunteers contribute their time and talent helping to create priceless memories for children with critical illnesses and their families during magical weeklong wish vacations in our whimsical, storybook Village.

The following are the dates we have secured to volunteer in Cafe Clayton for this Season (sign-up sheets will be in Clubhouse):

November 13th, 2025 (signup deadline: Nov 5th)
December 11th, 2025 (signup deadline: Dec 3rd)
January 8th, 2026
February 5th, 2026
March 12th, 2026

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.volgistics.com/appform/1222367423>

NOTE: When filling in the application, please indicate the following:
Group Name: Citrus Ridge

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.

Thanks for joining us in making a day a little brighter for our Wish families! Our efforts don't go unnoticed!

Garry & Shelley Miller (Lot 325), Group Coordinators



Here are some trips to look for, sign up for, and get excited about!!!

November 18 - A day at Weeki Wachee - \$65pp – **collecting now for this trip**
December 3 & 4th - Fort Lauderdale Jungle Queen adventure w/Butterfly World - \$329pp (single, add \$70) – **collecting registration form and full payment for this trip now.**
January 22, 2026 - Blue Springs & Cooks Cafe Manatees & boat ride - \$129pp
February 7 - Coca Beach Sip & Stroll (this is an evening trip) - \$89
March 22 – Mission Inn Sunday Brunch and Guys & Dolls show at the ICE theater in Mt. Dora - \$129pp
April 1 - Tampa Bay Downs – Lunch Buffet and private reserved seating - \$109pp
May 13 - Florida Aquarium - \$89pp

Make all checks out to Small World Tours

More info to follow in the next pulp, 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, lot 188.



Citrus Ridge Cruisers and Land Lubbers

Dates to Remember:

January 3-8, 2026 - Cozumel and Costa Maya on Royal Caribbean's Enchantment of the Seas

August 28 - September 7, 2026 - Greek Isles on Norwegian's Viva

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

As of today, we have enough people for 2 buses. The cost for the bus ride to and from the port is \$45.00 per person. We have early dining at 5:00 p.m. Gratuities are not included in the cruise price, but can be prepaid if you choose, otherwise they will be added to your account on a daily basis.

Please contact Kathy Merinsky at 863-280-0427 to reserve a spot on the bus. Payment for the buses is due by November 22, 2025. Checks should be made out to Kathy Merinsky..

We have been informed that all pricing is good for 60 days from date of posting. In the future, all cruises flyers will have a book by date to get the best pricing, as well as a final payment due date.

Just a reminder, 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
Phone - 989-280-1175

Kathy Merinsky - Lot 7
Phone - 863-280-0427



CAP Report

The park coffee and donuts hour on November 4th will be sponsored by your local CAP. County CAP Coordinator Judy Symes along with PCSO Community Deputy Pastor will be here to talk about the CAP program. Come and enjoy a free donut and coffee and then learn about our CAP program!

"Ho!Ho!Ho! with the Po-Po" is December 6th, 6p-9p at PCSO NE District Office, 1100 Dunson Rd. It is a Christmas Winter Wonderland with food, costumes, vendors and much more (even the Sheriff). All are welcome to attend!

We welcome our newest member Christine Cramer to CAP.

Next meeting November 3rd, 7pm in the Activity Hall.

Safe Patrols!

Gerry Beeman, Citrus Ridge CAP, Lot 225



New Members

No new members this month.

Book Club



Book Club will be meeting on November 10 at 2 pm in the Activity Hall to discuss **Born to Die** by Lisa Jackson. Hosted by Debby.

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



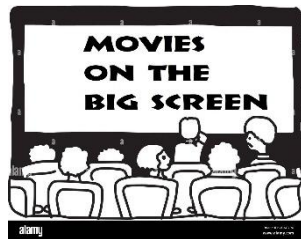
The Red Hat ladies and guests who maybe interested in joining our group we are having our Thankful Lunch at noon on November 7th. The turkey and dressing will be made and am asking you to sign up at the activity hall and please bring a side dish or dessert.

Thank you Queen Bernice

Red Hats Presents

11/08 – Last Breath

11/22 – Flight Risk



Movies are at the Clubhouse at 7 pm. Bring your own refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Any changes will be posted ahead of time. You can bring your own snacks/drinks but you must clean up your place when done. Thanks!



Activity Board Report

The 2025-2026 season is underway, as more activities and events are resuming, the Activities calendar is starting to fill in. Starting in November the calendar will have more details/instructions on the back. Be sure to pick up a copy of the calendar when it comes out.

Here are a few highlights:

Nov. 11th – Veterans Day Golf Cart Parade and Lunch – The parade will start at 11:00 am at the Clubhouse, lunch will begin at 12:00 pm. Veterans eat for free, for all others the cost is \$7.00.

Lunch will include a sloppy joe sandwich, chips, pickle, dessert and a beverage. Please bring your own table setting. Sign up is required for both vets and non-vets.

Nov. 14th & 15th – Fall Craft Fair – For those of you new to the community, proceeds from the vendor table rentals, raffle and Pot of Gold support Citrus Ridge activities. Baked good sales support our Sunshine outreach and the lunch proceeds fund sun deck accessories. Friday, the 14th from 3:00-5:00 pm is for residents only. Saturday, the 15th is open to the public from 8:00 am-1:00 pm. Lunch will be served Saturday starting at 10:30 am, until sold out. Choice of sausage w/peppers or pulled pork sandwich with chips and beverage for \$8.00.

Nov. 17th – Trivia Night returns. Food sales start at 4:00 pm with your choice of 2 slices of pizza, cookie and a beverage for \$5.00. Trivia starts at 5:00 pm with a \$2.00 per person entry fee. EVERYONE MUST sign up in advance, there are columns for your pizza choices and there is a column for those who just want to play Trivia.

Nov. 21st – Welcome Back Party is always a great time to catch up with our snowbirds returning from their summer homes. From 1:00-5:00 pm there will be live entertainment and a ham dinner, \$15.00 per person. Bring your own beverage and table setting.

Nov. 27th – Thanksgiving Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm in the Clubhouse. Lunch will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Last names beginning with A-M bring a side dish/vegetable, N-Z bring a dessert. Bring your own beverage and table setting. **Sign up is required.**

Just as a reminder to everyone, all these events, especially when food is involved

require you to sign up. It's the only way we know how much food to buy and prepare. The sign up sheets are also pulled a few days prior to the event so there is time to shop.

Barb Elmore, Lot 47, has agreed to chair the Sunshine outreach. We appreciate her stepping up and taking on this sensitive role. There have been a few changes to the Sunshine procedures and while some may find these frustrating, these changes have been made for the safety and privacy of those we are trying to comfort.

After many years of raising money and taking care of the gym, George Astacio, has stepped down from the chairperson position. The community thanks him for all his hard work and for all the improvements made to the gym.

Unfortunately, we now have another empty chairperson slot. We are in need of Chairpersons for: Campfire, Christmas Dinner, Gym, Senior Olympics, Spring Flea Market and Tai Chi.

Please consider volunteering some of your time for the benefit of the community we all love. If you are interested in becoming a Chair of one of these, please contact one of the Activity Board members. **Those activities without a Chair will be discontinued.**

Important Information for 2025/2026 Activity Chairpersons (updated 10/2025)

If you've signed up for an activity, **THANK YOU!** Below are some frequently asked questions.

Q: How do I add my event to the monthly calendar?

A: There are three ways to do this. First, you can attend the Inc. Board Calendar meeting which is held the second Tuesday of the month in the Activity Hall. Secondly, you can complete the "Form for Placement or Change of Event on Upcoming Calendar" found in the Club House where all activities are posted and return it to Jo Brutsman, Lot #78. Third, you can email Jo addition/change of event at brutsmancrb@yahoo.com.

Q: I'm a new chairperson stepping in for someone else. How do I transfer any budget money to my name?

A: See Lynette Parker (Inc. Treasurer, Lot #79) to complete the Budget Transfer Form. Lynette will ensure the transfer happens seamlessly. She will also provide you a detailed listing of debits and credits to your committee account.

Q: As a chairperson, what are my responsibilities?

A: You have multiple responsibilities as a chairperson.

1) Ensure your upcoming events are on the calendar in a timely fashion and notices are posted throughout the Citrus Ridge community. Be sure the information is detailed (date, time, location, cost, sign up required? dish to pass?) and accurate.

2) For events including kitchen use, obtain a copy of the Kitchen Procedure from Jane Kissel, Lot 424.

3) Notify your participants in advance (Citrus Ridge Unofficial FB page, door notices, etc.) when a community event (meeting, dance, entertainment, etc.) is planned for the location you usually use, for example: a dance is booked in the Clubhouse on a Thursday evening where Euchre usually takes place. Jo Brutsman (calendar) will notify the Euchre chairperson of the conflict, who then notifies Euchre participants). If a personal event is booked for the Activity Hall, the board member responsible for booking the event (Karen Flanagan, Lot 443) will notify you ASAP of the conflict.

4) Prepare the location (Activity Hall or Club House) for the event. This includes plugging in the cordless vacuum cleaner in advance to let it charge.

5) Ensure the location is cleaned (tables wiped down, chairs and tables returned to their original configuration, cards and games put away, trash removed, cordless cleaner emptied, unplugged and return to the closet. If the carpet is soiled, use the carpet cleaner to

remove the spills. Relock the restroom doors from the clubhouse side. Sports equipment must be cleaned and returned to its appropriate location.

6) If funds were collected, meet with Lynette Parker to complete the proper paperwork for banking your funds. For major activities (i.e. Senior Olympics, Memorial event, Veterans Day, Dances Craft Fair), complete the Event Report and return it to Peggy Bradley, Lot 140. This form was designed to document pluses and opportunities to improve the next offering and to transfer that information to any new chairpersons.

If you have any questions, let's talk.

Peggy Bradley, CRA Inc. President, Lot 140



Resumes Monday Nov. 17

4pm – 2 Slices of Pizza, Beverage & Cookie \$5

SIGN UP FOR PIZZA IS REQUIRED!

5pm – Trivia begins - \$2 to play

Up to 6 players per team (max.)

Contact any Activity Board member for details



Birthdays:

Lot #

11/4	Roger Woodall	126
11/5	Shellie Beeman	225
11/5	Darlene Mehall	344
11/5	Pat Hildebrand Lee	256
11/7	Sandy Morgan	371
11/7	Pam Whittington	385

11/7	Diane Kresge	158
11/11	Daniel Newton	307
11/15	Linda Marshall	231
11/15	Roberta Jelicks	1
11/15	Walt Kern	438
11/17	Judy Nelson	5
11/19	Paul Goss	16
11/21	Tom Breen	102
11/22	Ron Marks	408
11/23	Roland Kelley	133
11/27	Pamela Dennis	278
11/28	Ann Collins	320

Anniversaries:

11/14	Tim & Helen Hagen	261
11/16	Tim & Linda McGuire	330
11/19	Kurt & Sherry Prescott	199
11/21	Bob & Barb Morton	33
11/26	John & Cindy Hofeditz	203



SUNSHINE NEWS

Illnesses:

Shelley Beeman - had back surgery on 10-02-25 and is recuperating at home.

Bob Dennis - was in Celebration Hospital with pneumonia and is now recovering at home..

Rodney Bushey - had colon surgery on 10-22-25. He is still in the hospital.

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

Deaths

Susan Bland (Debbie Fuller's sister) passed away on 10-16-25.

Eli Martinez (son of Carmen Claudio) passed away on 10-16-25 in Advent Health.

Tammy Redd passed away 10-17-25 in Pionciana Hospital.

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



Hi



everyone and welcome back to all you snow birds. Yes, the Craft Fair is almost here.

Friday, November 14 the doors open at 3:00 PM for Citrus Ridge shoppers and Saturday, November 15 at 8:00 AM for EVERYONE. So, tell your friends and family around the area and bring them along.

We have a few new crafters joining our regulars, and we would like to invite any of our new residents to please join us with your crafts. It is not too late to sign up. Of course we will have a Bake Sale, Pot-O-Gold and our very popular Raffles.

As always, we need your help: Setup Fri. 9:30am, baked items both Friday and Saturday, donations for our raffle table, and cleanup Saturday 2:00pm. Baked goods and Raffle donations can be dropped off at the Club

House after 12:00 pm Friday. There is a signup sheet in the Club House.

So come, shop, visit, eat, take a chance on the Pot-O-Gold and Raffle items. Call me with any questions Jo Ann Rohn 215-704-4119

See you there.

Jo Ann Rohn, Chairperson 215-704-4119



**Welcome
Back
Party**
November 21st
1 pm – 5 pm

More and more of us are becoming full time Floridians, but, its still great to see our northern neighbors return each fall.

We are going to welcome everyone back with dinner and a song and dancing.

We will have a Baked Ham Dinner with dessert and Gunner Raye will be providing music & songs.

It will be from 1 pm to 5 pm and tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance to plan the food.

Tickets will be sold at Coffee on Tuesdays or from Anna Stokes, Lot 271 or Marilyn Williams at Lot 121. There will be a 50/50. Proceeds will go to an Activity Fund.



**VOLUNTEER
HELP
WANTED**

Chairpersons are needed for the following activities:

Gym/Exercise Room
Campfire
Spring Flea Market

Tai Chi
Senior Olympics
CHRISTMAS DINNER

If you are interested in being the Chair of any of these, see Sandy Morgan, any activity board member or sign up on the board in the Clubhouse. **Anyone can volunteer, you don't have to be an owner**, we welcome renters too!

Those activities without a Chair, **will be discontinued.**

Why are we in Citrus Ridge? What is the great thing about this place? Our neighbors and new friends? The activities available or the possibility of travelling with these new friends? How about that pool or pickleball or the dances? We even have non-denominational church in the winter months. The lunches and dinners which are available at little, or no cost, are all done by our members, for our members. This means YOU. There probably will not be a Christmas Dinner this year because no one has volunteered to take responsibility. No one wants to peel a potato or make gravy or organize servers/sign-up sheets/set up tables. Yes, it's a big job but learning to do it can be fun. I know because I've worked with others and have done it. I only wish I still could. There are some residents here who will not have a Christmas celebration with family – they will be alone. Christmas dinner is paid for in your dues. Even if you are brand new in the park or have been here awhile – please volunteer. Contact the Activity Board, encourage others. Learn how to be a good neighbor. It's the best present you can ever give.

Lois Bobbett, Lot #32



I am still 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



Date: _____

Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

COLONY
CORNUCOPIA
CRANBERRIES
FALL
FAMILY
FEAST
GOBBLE
GRATITUDE
GRAVY
HARVEST
HOLIDAY
MAIZE
MAYFLOWER
MILES STANDISH
NEW WORLD
NOVEMBER
PILGRIMS
PLYMOUTH
PUMPKIN PIE
PURITANS
SQUASH
STUFFING
THANKSGIVING
THURSDAY
TURKEY
WAMPANOAG
YAMS

Thanksgiving Day

Word Search

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