Citrus Ridge
The Orange Pulp
The unofficial newsletter of the Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Association
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From the Boardroom

First, I'd like to welcome back the snowbirds and I hope everyone had a good summer. Gene Bradley has recently resigned as the President of the CRNA Board of Directors, so as the Vice President, I am stepping up into the President role for now.

Monthly meetings are:

- Workshop – November 3 at 9 am in the Clubhouse.
- Planning Meeting – November 17 at 9 am at the Activity Hall.
- Monthly Board Meeting – November 17 at 7 pm at the Clubhouse.

Due to the killer frosts last winter, we lost many trees, and with the rather wet, very hot summer, our weeds have grown "like weeds". If you lost trees on your private property, it is your responsibility to have them removed. Tiger is working hard to take care of our common ground.

A reminder about the trash compactor – PLEASE DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR WHEN THE COMPACTOR IS RUNNING.

We are excited that our regular activities are resuming and hope they will be well attended. Volunteers are always welcome.

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Pat Lee
CRNA Board of Directors



There seems to be a lot of confusion regarding our documents. First, we have our "governing documents" – Florida statutes 720 & 617; Our Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (DCCR); our Articles of Incorporation; and our By Laws; which our board of directors are required (by law) to follow and uphold as legally binding. These documents give the board the power and authority to restrict, deny, and fine members for noncompliance! We also have Rules, Regulations, and Building Specifications - Guidelines voted on by the membership to maintain our community to the standards we all agreed to. We also have established policies and procedures provided by previous boards to help the board understand how and why things were done. All very different documents, but equally important to keep up with the standards we voted to uphold.

Recently, there was a question about why we don't mention "mobile homes" in our documents. The simple answer is because Citrus Ridge was developed and zoned as an RV resort; not a mobile home community nor a timeshare, Airbnb, VRBO, vacation resort, etc.

The more precise answer is "mobile homes" became obsolete in June 1976 and all units built on a chassis became "manufactured" or "park model" homes depending on their size (park models generally 400sqft or less). So, when Citrus Ridge RV resort was established in October 1984, it was designated and zoned

for campers, travel trailers, motorhomes, etc. and we could not reside here year-round.

As more people bought properties, wanted to stay longer and leave their units here year-round, the developer changed the documents, allowing permanent units to be left on lots and allowed a 10ft wide permanent screen room/Florida room addition. People were becoming more aware of park models and Florida allowed a "specialized HUD-approved" park model to be 500sqft, so again, our documents were updated to allow park models and we updated the additions to be as large as the original unit as long as the total square footage did not exceed 1008sqft of living space and it fit within the setbacks on your property.

In 1991/92 when owners realized the developer was getting 3 votes for each lot he still owned compared to our 1 vote, and we could not get answers as to how our assessment was being spent or have any say on where our money was being used, we formed an Ad-Hoc committee to purchase the park for a one-time special assessment, and fought very hard to keep our name, RV status, and our 55+ designation. So, Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Association, Inc. is now and always has been a privately owned 55+ RV community – not a timeshare, Airbnb, VRBO, or vacation resort. It is run by a board of directors who are required, by law, to follow and enforce all our documents.

This is a neighborhood and we have community standards we need to uphold to keep the place we enjoy living in and coming back to each year as nice as possible. That's how we have been able to keep this the well-maintained, peaceful, welcoming community we've all come to enjoy – we uphold our documents.

Following our documents and making hard decisions to keep our little piece of paradise as nice as it was when we purchased, protecting our investments, and wanting us to come back year after year should be our standard, not the exception.

Linda Meixner, Chair, Rules & Regs Committee



Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Church

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" (Psalm118:24) Get ready to proclaim this Word of Truth on November 8 as we begin our church services at 9:30am in the Clubhouse. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Many of you reading this article may be new to our community, and we invite you to come join our church family. Pastor Phil McClain will be continuing his ministry in our weekly non-denominational church services beginning the second Sunday in November. You can drive your car or your golf cart to church or take a morning stroll, where you will be greeted with a warm smile and a handshake (or a hug)! Weekly services will be held through Easter Sunday, and special church events will be announced in time for you all to participate through the season. To begin in November, be sure to mark these dates on your calendar.

- Nov 2 (Monday) Church Committee Meeting at 5:30pm (Clubhouse)
- Nov 5 (Thursday) Last Bible Study at 9:30am led by Pastor Dean Forrest from Elation Church (Activity Hall)
- Nov 8 (Sunday) Church Service at 9:30am (Clubhouse)
- Nov 10 (Tuesday) Bible Study at 2pm led by Pastor Phil McClain (Clubhouse)

All are welcome to attend our monthly Church Committee Meeting on November 2 where we will be discussing and seeking God's direction for our little community church. (Future meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month in the Activity Hall at 5:30pm.)

Many of you will remember our community's annual participation in the international mission of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Beginning in November, we will be supplying shoeboxes in the Clubhouse for filling of boys' and girls' gift items for

worldwide distribution proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. Be sure to pick up a flyer detailing suggested items for various children's age groups. Because we will be partnering with Elation Church in Davenport, we will need these filled shoeboxes delivered to the designated drop-off point in the Clubhouse no later than Friday, November 20. If you have any questions regarding this project, please call Pam Whittington at 614-286-0528.

Our Helping Hands Ministry has been busy this summer! Our staff of volunteers has been faithfully responding to requests to fulfill many residents' needs. Just in food requests during September, 99 meals and 15 desserts resulted in 114 food deliveries! Volunteers have taken some residents to medical appointments, trips to the grocery store, or helped with home/outside needs. Please feel free to contact LaGonda Tackett or Diane Davis if you have a need or you'd like to provide a "helping hand" to our Citrus Ridge friends and neighbors through this outreach ministry.

God has given each one of us a gift. We have a beautiful digital piano in the Clubhouse that is waiting for someone to play it! So, if God has given you that special musical gift, we'd love for you to be part of our church's music ministry. And we're always looking for special music to be sung or played during our Sunday morning services. Our church doors will open on November 8 at 9:30am, and we can't wait to see you there! And all God's people said, "**AMEN**!"

Pam Whittington, 2026-2027 Chairperson
Citrus Ridge Neighborhood Church

Give Kids The World

Welcome back Citrus Ridge Angels (Past, Present & New). Hope everyone is ready for our upcoming Season of Volunteering in Cafe Clayton. Mark your calendars for the following dates for this Season:

November 12th, 2026
December 10th, 2026
January 14th, 2027
February 4th, 2027
March 11th, 2027

Our shifts at Cafe Clayton are from 5:30-8:30pm. When you arrive, please see the Staff member (usually behind counter on your left when you enter Cafe Clayton to get your volunteer position for the evening).

The sign-up sheet is currently posted in the Clubhouse (will be removed Nov. 4th @ noon to be submitted to GKTW). Please **PRINT** first & last name as this form needs to be provided to GKTW. For any **NEW** Angels, 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
Referral code: 86988

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.

We look forward to seeing you at GKTW, the truly remarkable place. The kindness and helpfulness you exude lasts a lifetime for our families!

If you have any questions or would like more information on this great opportunity, please reach out to us.

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



Mark your Calendars

February 27, 2027 (NOTE DATE CHANGE) - Central Florida Animal Rescue - an up close encounter in small groups with some amazing big cats, then off to Merritt Island for lunch at the rooftop restaurant, The Landing. **$155.00 pp** - Come join us!!! This rescue works off donations only, come help us support this while enjoying a fabulous lunch/view and see some amazing animals. **Sign up today**!!

November 18, 2026 - Tampa Bay Downs - This was so much fun and the food was so 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. **$109 pp** - **Collecting now for this trip**

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** - **Collecting now for this trip**

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

March 12, 2027 (NOTE DATE CHANGE) - Tarpon Springs - lunch at Mama's Greek Cuisine and then a stop at Parksdale Farms (fresh produce and strawberries, yum yum!) - **$115.00 pp**

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**.** - **Price TBD**

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 - 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.

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.

A meeting will be set up on December 4th to discuss the January cruise. We will also be discussing a cruise for 2028.

See ya on deck!

Debbie Fuller, Lot 280 (989-280-1175)
Kathy Merinsky, Lot 7 (863-280-0427)



FALL POKER RUN

Saturday November 14

Sheets sold at 10 am

$5 per sheet

Reminder – The Thankful Lunch is on Friday, November 20 at noon. Bring a dish to pass! Turkey, gravy & stuffing will be provided by Carla and Martha.



CAP Report

Happy November!

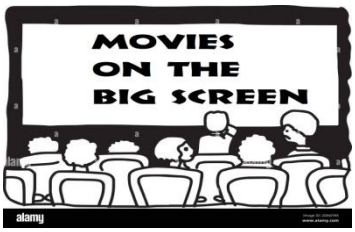
Welcome back to our seasonal residents and CAP members.
Meals on Wheels is desperately looking for volunteers. As of today, they deliver 675 meals every day. And there are 150 people on the waiting list. The areas in need are Bartow, Lakeland, and Davenport. You don't have to be a CAP member to get involved and you don't get CAP credit if you do volunteer for Meals on Wheels. If you are interested, call 863-299-1616.

As we age and we find ourselves living alone. It's important to stay connected to someone. Some of us have others in the neighborhood who we connect with daily and some may have family that we connect to. Yet some of us do not. Weel, there's an App for that. On the website snugsafe.com you can download an app and it is senior-friendly. Just hit the check-in button every day. If you don't, they will contact the person who you have picked to be contacted. Your contact will contact you to make sure that you are okay.

The sheriff has an ice cream truck that goes to different areas to promote crime prevention and to connect to communities. It will be in our area and community on November 13th. Come out to have some ice cream. It will be like being a kid again. The best part is I don't have to ask Mom for the money, because it's free.

CAP is a great way to support the community and you can make your own schedule. All you need is 40 hours in an entire year and you are eligible for the luncheon where Sheriff Grady Judd will speak. If you are interested, applications are available by contacting either Gerry or myself.

Sandy Gutowski**, **Citrus Ridge CAP**, **Lot 129



November 7 - Project Hail Mary

November 14 – Remarkably Bright Creatures

November 21 - Song Sung Blue

Just a reminder that all movies will have trailers posted on the CR Facebook page, 2 weeks prior to the movie.



Book Club will meet on November 9, 2026 at 2pm in the Activity Hall to discuss **It Happened on the Lake** by Lisa Jackson. Hosted by Debbi. Book Club meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 2pm in the Activity Hall during the fall & winter seasons. New members are welcome at any time. Any questions, please contact Jo at Lot 78 – 914-424-6380



New Members

Lot 158 = Lynn McDonagh (current owner Lot 192) Canada
Previous owner – Richard & Diane Kresge

Sunshine News



Illness:

- 10/15 - Jack Coatta - Patient in ICU-Advent Health-HOF – received pacemaker 10/19

Deaths:

- 9/15 – Joan Sippel – passed away
- 10/1 – Betty Talbot – passed away



November has arrived and as more activities resume and special events start filling the calendar, I will be going back to using both the front and the back of the calendar. For those who are new to the neighborhood, the front of the calendar will have the day, time, event and where (black print is Clubhouse, purple print is Activity Hall). The back of the calendar has any other information you might need, for example: cost and if you need to pay in advance or what you might need to bring such as a beverage and/or tableware. So be sure to pick up a calendar so that you are informed and don't miss out on the fun.

November calendar is filling up and a few highlights are:

- November 2nd: Craft Class - There are five classes scheduled on the first Monday of the month running Nov. – March. The sign-up sheet for the November class is in the Clubhouse.

- November 11th: Veterans Day Parade and Lunch - the flyers are posted and the sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.
- November 14th - Fall Poker Run
- November 16th - Trivia Night returns
- November 18th - Gad 'abouts trip to Tampa Bay Downs
- November 20th and 21st: Fall Craft Fair - Please consider making a donation to the Bake Sale and/or Raffle Table.
- November 26th: Thanksgiving Dinner - There have been a lot of questions as to whether there will be a dinner because no one signed up to chair it. The Activity Board will be providing the meal. We will be looking for volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up and serving. The sign-up sheet for the dinner and a volunteer sign-up sheet will be out after the first of the month.

On a more serious note, we had no one sign-up for **Decorating**. We need one person to sign-up to be the chairperson and then to recruit four, five, six friends to form a committee; and it does help to have a few men on the committee. You can do as much or as little decorating as you want. Just so you all know, the Activity Board will not be taking this on, we have enough on our plate with both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. So, if no one comes forward there will be no decorating. If you have any questions about what's involved please contact me, #Lot 140 or at 843-407-0362.

Peggy Bradley, CRA, Inc. President, Lot 140



Monday, November 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



	Birthdays:	***Lot #***
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
11/19	Crista Thompson	136
11/21	Tom Breen	102
11/22	Ron Marks	408
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

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Thursday, November 26, 2026
At Noon
In the Clubhouse

Volunteers are needed for setup, serving and cleanup.

Sign up sheets and volunteer sheets will be in the clubhouse.



Welcome back to all you Snow Birds. Yes, the Craft Fair is almost here.

Friday, November 20 the doors open at 3:00pm for Citrus Ridge shoppers and Saturday, November 21 at 8:00am 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. Contact JoAnn – information below. Of course we will have a Bake Sale, Pot-O-Gold, Lunch and our very popular Raffles.

As always, **we need your help:**

1. Strong muscles for setup Friday morning at 9:30am.
2. Strong muscles for tear down (and set up for church) Saturday afternoon at 1:30.

Signup sheet is in the Club House.

3. Donations for the raffle table
4. Baked items for both Friday and Saturday

Baked goods and Raffle donations can be dropped off at the Club House after 12:00pm Friday.

So come, shop, visit, eat, take a chance on the Pot-O-Gold and Raffle items. Call me with any questions or donations.

Jo Ann Rohn 215-704-4119

See you there.



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

We are asking those who are coming to look through your pictures and send us 3 to 6 pictures of fun or memorable moments during your marriage. Maybe you both climbed down the Grand Canyon. Or it was your first time taking your kids to the beach. Anything you feel was fun and memorable. The pictures must be able to be emailed to us. Send them to citrusridgepulp@gmail.com

Evelyn, Lot 28 – es505@comcast.net
Glenna, Lot 403 – text – 423-534-9

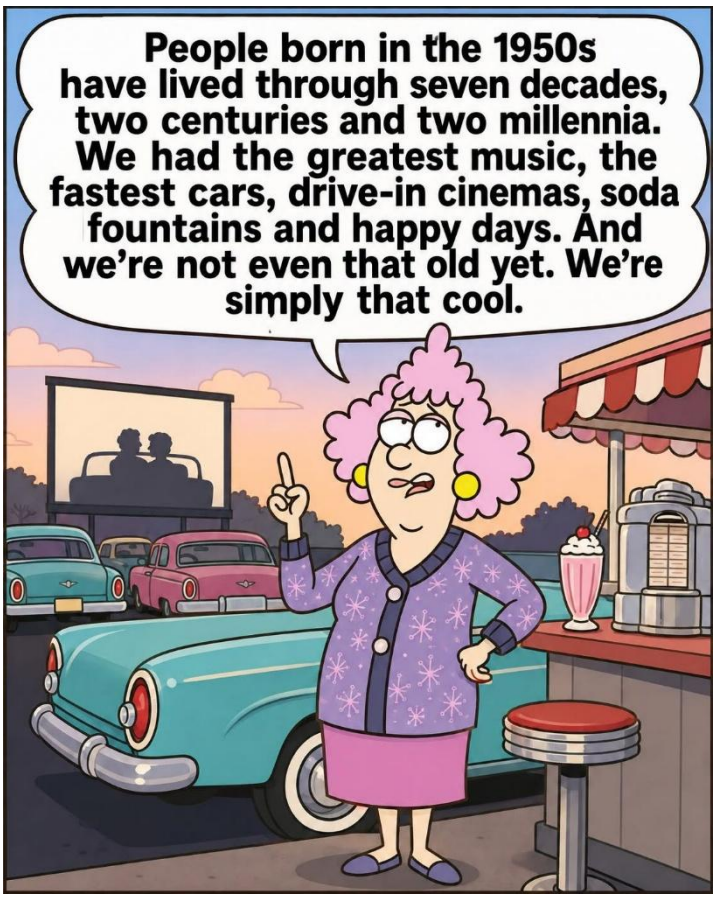


EDITOR'S CORNER

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





NOVEMBER WORD SEARCH

WORD PUZZLE FROM TWOKIDSANDACOUPON.COM

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- Football
- Thanksgiving

