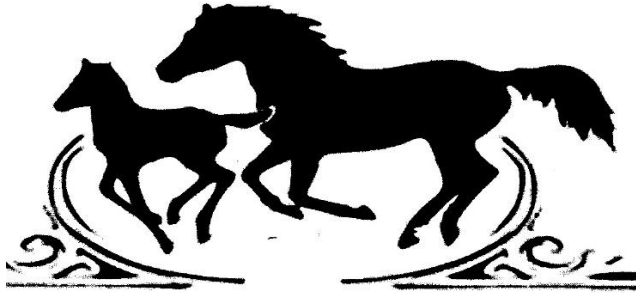




Feliz Navidad

Happy Kwanzaa and Happy Solstice To you all



Merry Christmas

Starlight Ranch Newsletter

December 1, 2015

The President's Page

Curt Delong, President



Hello Starlight Ranch residents. I would like to extend a big thank you to all HOA members for coming out to vote and for sending in your votes in last month's annual election. In particular, you have spoken with your vote and supported each of the current, sitting board members running for re-election. This will be the second full year with this specific board and we expect some good things from it.

In the middle of November some of us on the board attended a great workshop with the FMO and our newly retained Lawyer. We discussed things like rent increases, State Statute 723, and how to better write local HOA By-Laws. We have other important meetings coming up such as hosting an FMO meeting in December and Leadership Training with MHaction in January. These are good sources of knowledge that is very helpful when working with local management and owners of our community.

I also want to thank our Activities committee and all of our energetic volunteers for all of their time and work. I do see lots of new ideas coming in. And of course we'd love to hear new ideas that will make our community fun and friendly.

Hope to see or talk to you soon. If I don't see you, Merry Christmas and enjoy this wonderful Holiday season!!

The 12 days of Christmas at Starlight Ranch

1. View neighborhood X-Mas & holiday lights
2. Swim at one of the two pools
3. Take in the Ice Cream Social and Bingo
4. Thank a veteran at the Vets Social Hour
5. Pick up some bread for someone who can't
6. Play Bingo
7. Have some laughs at Bunco
8. Attend the Christmas Eve Movie Marathon
9. Get into Chair Exercises
10. Attend an HOA Board Meeting
11. Attend a morning coffee and go to Mac Bingo
12. Attend Christmas dinner at Starlight Ranch

Special Event



December 19th at 6:00 p.m.
Front Clubhouse



At the Movies this Christmas

There really is a little something for everyone during the holidays at Starlight Ranch, be it a viewing the neighborhood holiday lights, an afternoon meal with friends, or the ever present suite of holiday movies available at the click of a button. This list celebrates the very best of these films, from black and white to animation, to the whimsical and heartfelt. But one thing is for sure, they will warm our hearts, restore our faith in humanity and generally bring joy to the world. Enjoy.

It's a Wonderful Life: So that happy ending, when it comes, feels earned rather than fluffy, and Christmassy rather than sentimental.

Elf: You'd have to be a cotton-headed ninny muggins not to love this one.

A Christmas Story: Have you ever wanted to put your tongue on something cold after watching this movie, just to see if it works?

Die Hard: What the heck!! It's Christmas

The Santa Clause: Being Santa for one night would turn my hair white.

Miracle on 34th Street: Can you ever doubt Santa in this Christmas tale.

A Christmas Carol and Scrooged: It doesn't matter if it's 19th century London or 1980's Manhattan, there will always be a humbug.

The Nightmare Before Christmas: Let's have a little fun with Jack Skellington as he tries to bring down Christmastown.

The Muppets Christmas Carol: Charles Dickens + the Muppets = a Christmas classic.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas: Although I would rather listen to Boris Karloff's line-by-line reading of the Grinch, most people have fallen in love with Jim Carry's rendition.

Did I miss one? What's your favorite? And, don't forget to join us at the front clubhouse Christmas eve for a festive evening. We will be showing a Christmas movie marathon. Time and movies to be announced. Popcorn and snacks will be served.



Holiday Checklist

December is always one of the busiest months of the year, if not the busiest. You should never allow yourself to get so stressed that you don't enjoy everything the holidays have to offer. Therefore, I have enlisted my friends to give me a list of things you absolutely need to do in December to get in the mood for Christmas.

- Donate toys or clothing to the needy
- Buy your pet a present
- Watch a good holiday movie
- Put up the Christmas tree
- Sit and read a good book
- Call someone and wish them a happy holiday
- Send a Christmas card to a soldier
- Check out Christmas lights in the neighborhood
- Have a hot chocolate
- See a Christmas parade
- Go to a holiday party
- Buy yourself a present
- Watch a Christmas TV Show
- Listen to some full volume Christmas tunes

Homemade Christmas Gifts

Many families have a tradition of giving only homemade Christmas gifts. I checked with park residents and I find that the tradition is still alive at Starlight Ranch.

- My aunt had a cookbook written in 1864. She would make the best homemade Plum Pudding for our Christmas eve dessert.
- I've made Christmas candles and lip balm from beeswax. Everyone loves the chap stick, and my biggest request is for chocolate.
- My nieces love my handcrafted earrings and necklaces.
- I love making my own Christmas cards to send to my children and grandkids.
- Every time my family has a new child, I send them a hand knitted Christmas stocking with their name on it.
- Of course, my family would never pass up one of my knitted socks or caps.



Pet Safety during the holiday season

You can help keep pets safe during the holiday season by following the tips below.

* Many holiday plants can lead to health problems in dogs and cats. Among the plants to keep out of reach are holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and lilies.

* Snow globes often contain antifreeze, which is poisonous to pets.

* Pine needles, when ingested, can puncture holes in a pet's intestine. So keep pet areas clear of pine needles.

* The extra cords and plugs of holiday lights and other fixtures can look like chew toys to pets. Tape down or cover cords to help avoid shocks, burns or other serious injuries. Unplug lights when you are not home.

* Do not let pets drink the holiday tree water. Some may contain fertilizers, and stagnant tree water can harbor bacteria. Very important: do not put aspirin in the water (some folks do this thinking it will keep the tree or plant more vigorous). If a pet ingests the aspirin-laced water, his health or even life can be at risk.

* Pets, particularly cats, can be tempted to eat tinsel, which can block the intestines. Hang tinsel high and securely to keep it out of reach of pets.

* Keep other ornaments out of reach of pets. Ingestion of any ornament, which might look like toys to pets, can result in life-threatening emergencies.

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What's on your tree?

For years now, my wife, Betty and I have saved special ornaments for our tree and part of the fun of decorating our tree is remembering where some of them come from. We've asked our neighbors and they've pitched in with a few of their favorites.

- We have ornaments with hand painted names and dates of our children
- Santa that's riding a fish
- My wife's childhood Angel. It's so Special. I think it came from Santa
- We have a very old antique Angel; she has watched over my tree each year for over 30 years
- I love red hearts on a Christmas tree and have lots of them on mine
- My favorite ornament is a glass pickle
- My favorite is a glass flamingo ornament that probably dates from the 50s or 60s
- My favorite ornament is the Father Christmas tree ornament that was first hung on a tree in 1900 when my Gran was born

Five things my children think I want for Christmas

1. Pill Crusher
2. Blankets
3. Reacher
4. Warm Boots
5. Pajamas

What I really Want for Christmas

1. Smart Phone
2. Apple Ipad
3. Kindle book
4. Carnival Cruise
5. Fitbit



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Louie & Robin DeSilvio - 12-3
- Wayne & Audrey Davis - 12-5
- Steven & Shirley Henry - 12-27
- Earl & Linda Christensen - 12-27
- Robert & Madeline McDuffie - 12-28
- Stephen & Diane Bagley- 12-30

To have your name on the birthday or anniversary list, you may put you name on the list in the front clubhouse or call Mary Rivera @ 407-914-2845

If someone is aware of a resident who has moved or passed away, please notify Mary Rivera. We would not want to offend anyone



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Albert Michaels - 12-4
- Donald Power - 12-13
- Bryan Bailey - 12-14
- Jerry Mahn - 12-15
- Richard Pryze - 12-16
- George Estep- 12-18
- Mary Rivera - 12-19
- Cindy Pokel- 12-20
- Carol Herring- 12-24
- Patty Olsen- 12-24
- Susan Duncan- 12-25
- Billy DeNarvarte- 12-25
- Shirley Silverthorne- 12-26
- Frances DeNault- 12-27
- Gerry Eten- 12-31
- Junior Rodriguez- 12-31



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The Holiday Calendar

The biggest December Holidays are **Christmas** and **New Year's Eve!** I've always thought that December was one of the best times of the year, so full of fun events, Holiday Cheer, and lots of great times spent with family and friends! Little did I realize that so many of the days in December were dedicated to sacchariferous delights.

First, let's recognize that **December is Bingo's Birthday Month.** To all the men and women that suffer through this game of chance, may all your t's be crossed, your corners covered and may your dauber never run out of ink.

Let's get started. It's time to give nourishment to your sweet tooth.

National Pie Day - December 1
National Fritters Day - December 2
National Apple Pie Day - December 3
National Cookie Day - December 4
National Cotton Candy Day - December 7
National Chocolate Brownie Day - December 8
National Pastry Day - December 9
National Gingerbread House Day - December 12
National Cocoa Day - December 12
National Ice Cream Day - December 13
National Cupcake Day - December 15
National Chocolate-Covered Anything Day – Dec. 16
National Maple Syrup Day - December 17
National Hard Candy Day - December 19
Humbug Day - December 21(Had to)
National Date Nut Bread Day - December 22
National Pfeffernuesse Day - December 23
National Egg Nog Day - December 24
National Pumpkin Pie Day - December 25
National Candy Cane Day - December 26
National Fruit Cake Day - December 27
National Chocolate Day - December 28 and 29
National Champagne Day - December 31

HOA BOARD LIST

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- ✓ Jose Rodriguez, V. President 321-229-5429
- ✓ Mary Rivera, Secretary 407-914-2845
- ✓ Jerry Scott, Treasurer 571-289-7619
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CLUB AND NEWS EVENTS

Weekly Activities

Georgia Moffat, Activities Chairperson

Monday Bingo 6:30 PM ACH
Tuesday Coffee Hour, 8 AM, ACH
Chair Exercise, 10AM, MCH
Wednesday Bread, 9 AM ACH,
Thursday Bunco, 6:30 PM. ACH,
Chair Exercise, 10AM MCH

Monthly Activities

Ice Cream Social Dec 5, 1 PM ACH
HOA Board Meeting Dec 9, 7 PM ACH
Vet's & Friends Dec 11, 7 PM MCH
Movie Night Dec 12, 6 PM, ACH
FMO Meeting Dec. 19, 10 AM, ACH
**X-Mas Movie Marathon
And Games** Dec. 24, 2-8 PM ACH



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Membership Drive 2015 Summary

What a year for new members we've had! To bring some up-to-speed, we started a membership drive in August and had a great response from the community. We asked for the Starlight Ranch community's help and we sure got it. So many of you brought in new members that we had record recruiting months this Fall. Accolades go out to all who knocked on doors and called on friends to bring our numbers up.

We did a great job in 2015 and 2016 will most certainly be better. We still have next year's goal of attaining an HOA majority just in time for our next round of rent increase negotiations. With a continuation of 2015's fantastic effort, we will most certainly attain it. Thanks again for all of your help and have a safe holiday.

Lou Kerns, Membership Director

November's Veteran's Social Hour

So glad to see John, Joe, Al, Richard, Jerry, Lou, and Jackie again this month. Also there were 12 guests.

A huge thank you to Patty Olsen. Patty made baked ziti, salad, garlic bread and a beautiful American flag cake. Not only beautiful, it was delicious, and I even got a piece to take home. The cake was huge, raspberries and blueberries were the red and blue stripes and of course white frosting.



Joe told us a story about his navy days: During the Guadalcanal campaign, on the night of Nov. 13, 1942 the Atlanta joined a task force to intercept a group of Japanese warships headed for the Island with re-enforcements. During the night surface engagement, the Atlanta was struck by a torpedo and was severely damaged and dead in the water. She was struck many times with enemy gunfire and was damaged beyond repair and was sunk. So glad you survived Joe and was able to tell us the story.



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Saludos Residentes y Amigos del Rancho Starlight:

Por: Jose Rodriguez, VP ADC (HOA)

En la primera pagina nuestro presidente Curt DeLong, le extiende las gracias a todos los que participaron en las elecciones que se llevarón a cabo en noviembre. Para los que no lo sabian, pues si, tubimos elecciones y los incumbentes, o sea los que ya estaban, fuerón victoriosos. Yo tambien quiero dar las gracias, pues yo fui uno de los que salio victorioso. Pero mi gratitud es por mucho mas de eso. Yo fui el que menos votos cogio (41), pegadito detras lleugo mi amigo Daniel Flores con 35. Estó me indica que si nuestros latinos salen a votar en el futuro, nosotros podemos elegir mas latinos y obtener el control de la junta y de las actividades y en fin de todo. Y porque no? Si se han dado de cuenta cada dia se mudan mas latinos a esta comunidad, por lo tanto, el liderazgo debe tener mas latinos, no solo uno. Por esa razón mas que ninguna es que es importante que nos unamos a la Asociación de Dueños de Casas (ADC).

Queremos recordales que este proximo abril probablemente nos aumenten la renta. Este puede ser minimo de 3% a la renta basica cual es aproximadamente \$520.00, lo cual seria un aumento de \$15.60. Otra razón mas para unirnos a la ADC para tener mas fuerza cuando nos enfrentamos a la gerencia para pelear contra estos aumentos y otras cosas mas. La membresia de la ADC es anual y corre de enero a diciembre, así es que este es el tiempo perfecto para unirse.

La salud y seguridad de nuestros mascotas se pone mas en peligro para estos tiempos de lo que usted se imagina. Aqui le queremos presentar algunos de estos peligros y como evitar los mismos.

Las extensiones y enchufes adicionales que se usán pueden parecer juguetes para morder a nuestros mascotas. Los mismos deben de cubrirse o pegarlos con tape para evitarles shocks o quemaduras o otros tipos de daños o heridas a los mascotas. Cuando salga de la casa debe desconectar lo que pueda.

Mantenga los ornamentos fuera del alcance de los mascotas. Ingerir los mismos, cuales pueden creer son juguetes, pueden resultar en casos de emergencias o peor. Los gatos en particular, son tentados a comerse el oropel o tinsel. Esto puede bloquearle los intestinos. Enganche alto y seguro el oropel para que no lo alcancen.

No permita que sus mascotas beban el agua de su arbol natural de navidad. Algunos pueden contener fertilizadores y agua estancada puede contener bacteria. Otra cosa muy importante, hay quien le eche aspirina al agua del arbol pensando que esto ayuda al arbol ser mas vigoroso. Si un mascota bebe de esa agua su salud o hasta su vida corre en peligro.

Muchas de las plantas y matas de navidad son peligrosas para nuestros mascotas, entre ellas: holly o acebo, lilies o lirios, mistletoe o muérdago y ponsettias o flor de pascua. Las pine needles o agujas de pino pueden causarles daños en los intestinos a los animals que las ingieren, los snowgobes o globos de nieve (?) contienen antifreeze, el cual es peligroso para los animals. Esperamos esta información les sea de beneficio para usted y su mascota.

Otra vez mas le queremos dar las gracias a los voluntarios que con tanto amor y esfuerzo cerciorán que nuestras actividaes se den acabo con mucho exito. Si usted quisiera ayudarnos como voluntario en alguna de nuestras actividades simplemente comuniquese con uno de los miembros de la junta, cuales nombres se encuentran en este pamfleto.

No se pierda nuestra cena de navidad el 19 de diciembre a las 6:00pm en la casa club del frente. Este sera nuestro evento especial para cerrar el año. Refierase a la pagina del calendario para todas las actividades.

Feliz Navidad y Un Prospero y Saludable Año Nuevo!!

~ December 2015 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Coffee Hour 8 AM ACH Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	2 Bread 9 AM ACH	3 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Bunco 6:30 PM ACH	4	5 Ice Cream Social and Gift Card Binigo 1 PM ACH
6	7 Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	8 Coffee Hour 8 AM ACH Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	9 Bread 9 AM ACH HOA Board Mtg 7 PM ACH	10 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Bunco 6:30 PM ACH	11 VETS Social Hour 7 PM MCH	12 Movie Night 6 PM ACH Pizza
13	14 Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	15 Coffee Hour 8 AM ACH Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	16 Bread 9 AM ACH	17 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Bunco 6:30 PM ACH	18	19 FMO Mtg 10 AM ACH Christmas Dinner 6 PM ACH Desserts Welcome
20	21 Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	22 Coffee Hour 8 AM ACH Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	23 Bread 9 AM ACH	24 Christmas Movie Marathon and Games 2 - 8 PM ACH	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26
27	28 Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	29 Coffee Hour 8 AM ACH Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	30 Bread 9 AM ACH	31 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	Notes: ACH = Front Clubhouse MCH = Back Clubhouse	