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FROM our HOA PRESIDENT ...

Hello Starlight Ranch Residents:

Well it has been a bit of winter in the Sunshine State this last month. I always I try to find something good about what each day has to offer, so for me it was great to pull out a flannel shirt; and I even found a winter coat that I did not know was still in the closet. Great thing was they were like new and they were well over 5 years old! In Florida the rule of "if you don't wear it for the last year then get rid of it" does not work! In Florida you might need it for the 2 days of winter!

Another great thing is...it's a good time to get some work done that we don't want to do when it nice out and we want be outside to enjoy the endless summer.

During this time we have been receiving many suggestions on the HOA table to better our community. One thing I found out during my time on the board is that many residents misunderstand how our HOA works and why it's so important for us to have a strong membership. We do not fall under the same state rules and law as do the HOA's that are mentioned so negatively by the media. We are home owners and lease the property our homes sit on. State statute 723 was written just for our kind of community. If you don't know about 723 or how it works - ask us. That's why we are here - to represent the residents. Statue 723 is Florida's rules and regulations on how our community is to be run from both the management and the resident sides of the table.

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VETERAN'S and FRIENDS

plus Chair Exercises

By Pat Williams

Another enjoyable monthly group meeting. Our veteran's tonight were Jackie Bedard – Navy, Dave Douma –USMC, John Bertsch – Army, Joe Laferriere – Navy and Richard Balderson, Navy.

Guests were Marli Silverthorn, Sherrie Peters, Barry Bertsch and Pat Williams.

Richard led the Pledge of Allegiance. We missed Patty and Craig but we'll be seeing them in February. Our menu was fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni salad, baked beans, cookies, lemon cake and donuts.

You never leave these get-togethers hungry!

CHAIR EXERCISES

Each week we have a great time with great people. We have Ruthie, Mabel, Bertha, Pat, Joe, Beth and Dave. Dave is our Number One complainer but I get the biggest kick out of him. He says he does it for fun but I have my doubts. Dave wasn't able to come to our last exercise group but Ruthie said she would do the complaining that day. She didn't!!!!

Come and do some exercises with us. They are all done sitting down and at your own pace. They are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 am in the back clubhouse.

Once in a while we will do a half hour of Richard Simmons exercises. This week when did, Joe called out "we're supposed to be sitting down" which he did. **We do have fun.**

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With that said, it is my hope that those who don't understand or would like to know more will come to us to ask questions. This community is our home. We can work together to make it a great place to live.

One of our issues here at the Ranch is the parking problem. During my first term on the board we had a problem with cars on the street getting towed. After many caregiver and short time "towing incidents" happened, we worked with our management to change the towing rule. But as with any change came unforeseen problems; now we have residents using the street for all day parking. This has become a big problem since parking is planned for the driveways and not the streets. Our streets are not wide enough to accommodate street parking.

Parking at the clubhouses is another problem. Originally planned for short term use when at the clubhouse, mailbox or having extra guests: If people keep using these areas for long term parking then the parking rules at clubhouses could change and make it harder for the parking lots to be available when needed. Please be considerate of your community and neighbors and understand that it is better for all of us to work when we work together.

Thank you....

Editor's Note

I appreciate the opportunity to help out our HOA board with this newsletter. This came on as a surprise for me and as a result this first newsletter is pretty sloppy. We'll try for much better in the future.

My role is simply to format the inputs from our members and try to present them in a coherent manner. As some of you know, I have provided this function in the past and am happy to do so. However, my term will most likely be limited as I travel in the summer. I will be happy to provide guidance to anyone that would like to learn or re-learn publishing.

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Chili Cookoff Report

We didn't get as many entries in our traditional chili cookoff event but those who attended were not disappointed in the quality. There was plenty of food for all and considering the cost for participants (\$0.00) the event was a wonderful success. The competition was fierce (well..... maybe that is too strong a description as there were only two entries) but all in all, a lot of fun. The winner was Dave Blackwell but even if he is my neighbor, I don't have a photo.


Curt initiating discussion of possible ways to make chili (*everyone had their personal favorite including someone's idea of adding chocolate*). Next he led our pledge to the flag, helped in the kitchen (*his own dish was excluded from competition along with a large dish from Wendy's*). **A few photos will give an idea of the night.**



Birthdays	Anniversaries
Carlos Rodriguez	2/1
Donna Caulkins	2/1
Ray Rasmussen	2/1
Betty Anderson	2/4
Micki Dugan	2/11
Nancy Correa	2/15
Adriana Pereira	2/18
Sabrina Smith	2/21
Robin DeSilvio	2/25
Sandy Zajesky	2/25
Darcy Baily	2/26
Bob Coyne	2/28
Roger Hebert	2/28
Ronald & Peggy Sarett	2/6
Jose & Iris Rodriguez	2/17

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in future issues, please print the information on the clipboard in the front (ACH) clubhouse. Also, please let us know of any residents that have passed-on or moved away.





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A Valentine message originally published in the Beacon College News (Leesburg Florida)

Valentine's Day Musings

February 14th, 2014

For years now I've been indecisive as to my opinion about Valentine's Day. I come from a traditional family in the sense that all holidays were paid attention to and it was a custom to participate in Valentine's when able (read: in a relationship). But I've also been exposed to the other side of the argument that paints Valentine's as a commercialized scam and economy boost. Shouldn't we all love each other all the time? It's a grand fantasy for an ideal world that something each and everyone should strive for. But the reality is life happens and gets in the way of those spectacles of love that we all wish we had the time and money for.

So I let Valentine's serve as a gentle reminder, if anything, that in today's hectic world you want to prioritize the things you love most.

~ Brett Daly

Important Telephone Numbers	
Emergency	Dial 911
Non-Emergency Help And Information	Dial 311
United Way / Elder Services	Dial 211
Starlight Ranch Office	407-273-3130
Starlight Ranch Maintenance (After Hours & Weekends Only)	407-770-7015
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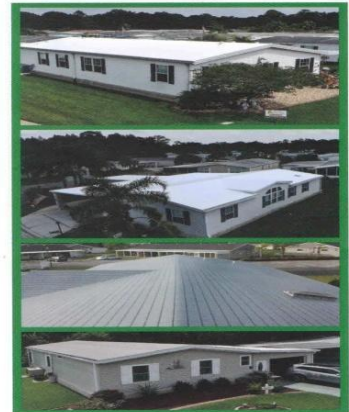
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Hola Amigos Residentes del Rancho Starlight

Por: Jose Rodriguez, Residente

Dice nuestro presidente de la Asociación de Dueños de Casas (HOA en español) Curt DeLong, que la antigua costumbre de votar todo de ropa que no se usó el año anterior no aplica aquí en la Florida, porque cuando menos lo espera entra un frio fuerte como ese que tuvimos para terminar el 2017 y empezar del 2018. Dice que busco en un closet y encontró una camisa de flanel y un abrigo que estaban prácticamente nuevo y le sirvieron muy bien para esos días frio. Además, nos sugiere que usemos esos días frio para hacer esas cosas en el interior de nuestras casas que no hicimos durante aquellos bellos días que tuvimos y no queríamos estar encerrados.

El señor DeLong también alega que tenemos muchos residentes que no entienden la real función de la HOA y por eso es de suma importancia exhortarles que se unan a la organización, no solo para aprender como funciona, pero para que puedan utilizar lo que ofrece a su favor.

La verdad es que la organización rige bajo la ley estatal #723, la cual cubre casas móvil y definitivamente no funciona como las HOAs que la prensa presenta a menudo en negativo. Porque somos dueños de casas, pero no del terreno, las leyes son diferente.

Queremos usar este espacio para una vez mas hablar del problema de estacionamiento. Resulta que en una época no tan distante atrás no se permitía estacionarse en las calles y fueron muchos carros de servicios, tales como enfermeras/os, técnicos o haciendo entregas que se llevó la grúa. Se negocio con la gerencia para eliminar ese problema, pero ahora hay abuso del estacionamiento porque se estacionan comoquiera, contra el tráfico, a todas horas. Además de eso están estacionando los carros que no le caben en su marquesina en los estacionamientos de las casas club por largos periodos. Esos lugares no son para eso, se permite un día o varios, no por semanas o meses. Si esta situación continua nos van a quitar ese uso por culpa de personas inconsideradas.

Amigos, seguimos exhortándoles que aprovechen las actividades y facilidades. Por favor miren el calendario y preparen sus salidas a las actividades que la HOA con mucho gusto planifica todos los meses.

¡Hasta la próxima!

Duck News Editorial

*“The **Muscovy duck** (*Cairina moschata*) is a large duck native to Mexico, Central, and South America. Small wild and feral breeding populations have established themselves in the United States, particularly in Florida and the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas as well as in many other parts of North America, including southern Canada. Feral Muscovy ducks are found in New Zealand, Australia, and in parts of Europe.”*

Starlight Ducks

As everyone knows, we have plenty of these rascals here in the ranch. It is a shame that there are numerous residents that continue to feed and encourage breeding of these nuisance critters. Take a look at the photos! The management apparently can't do anything to prevent the feeding, and as a



result, the front pool is closed. This must be a great incentive for potential new residents to Starlight Ranch. I encourage you to make your displeasure

known to Park Management. We have complaint forms on our website (<http://starlightranchhoaweb.com>). Check it out and help.



A NEARBY FOREST UNDER THREAT

By: Dave Wegman

Hey Rancher Buckaroos and Buckarettes! Happy Winter in Florida! The best time of the year to enjoy the outdoors. Do you like to hike or walk for exercise ... maybe see and listen to Florida's, and other migrating, birds? Perhaps spot some White-tailed deer, Gopher Tortoises, Armadillos and other critters? Then the Split Oak Forest Wildlife & Environmental Area is for you! Located just 15 miles southeast from the Ranch on Clapp Simms Duda Road off Narcoossee Road, this is 1,800 acres of what Florida looked like way back when. Some trails are packed hard, some are sugar-sanded and more of an effort to navigate. There is a short, only ½ mile, relatively easy trail that leads to a very picturesque and tranquil lake. Adjacent to the parking area is also a beautiful very-hard, flat and large meadow at the main parking area if that is easier to walk and still get a sense of the beauty.

I bring your attention to it this month as it is also under potential attack from the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX). They are studying the need for potentially slicing a portion of the forest for a highway that will lead to the future Tavistock development, Sunbridge.

I have been enjoying this forest for 20 years, shortly after its creation in 1994/95. That is why over the past year I have become co-founder of the Friends of Split Oak Forest. Our group is currently 400 strong and we formed to fight, or at least minimize, the road and the impact on this special place. If you would like to hear more or help in the fight, please: visit and speak with me after the Wednesday Bread Distribution at 9:30 a.m., join the Friends of Split Oak Forest Facebook PAGE and GROUP, or visit the web site at:

<https://friendsofsplitoak.org>. There is not much time, a decision on the route may go before the CFX Board in early March. Thank you!

Bread Distribution Program

(Editors note: We don't have the space this month to include the whole report for last year but I'll try to include the important highlights from Dave Wegman's report. We can't thank Dave enough for the tireless effort he provides for our residents.)

From Dave:

I am pleased to present the Bread Distribution Program final report and statistics for calendar year 2017.

Synopsis: During 2017 The Starlight Ranch Bread Distribution Program served 1,723+ residents an amazing 11,712 items graciously donated by Panera Bread and Publix Supermarkets. A further breakdown by category is attached. The number of residents served has increased nearly 10% compared to 2016 totals. The amount of items distributed has only declined by 425 pieces from 2016. Please remember that the number of residents served does not include when members attending give items to their neighbors.

Acknowledgment: The Program would not happen without the dedication of the Bread Committee and the residents that assist them. Using conservative estimates of time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the group has logged over 966 hours of volunteer time and effort towards the successful and well-received program.

May I please request that you expound upon my personal and sincere thanks to my fellow committee members and friends Jackie Bedard, Pat Williams and our Hostess Joan Stearns for their involvement, donated time and efforts. Our grand thanks should also be extended to our 'Residents of Gold' that helped and assisted us throughout the year ... Carmen and Teo, Marilyn Walker, Ruthie Henley, George Antoshka, Mark Carvalho, Mary Rivera and David (sorry, don't have his last name).

Please come to the town hall meeting on Feb 17th at 11:00 AM to register.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018, in the Front Club House

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Length: Six hours

Luncheon: A 30 minute light luncheon will be served

Fee: \$23.95 per person; check or money order only made out to Florida Safety Council

Payment: Payment is due when you sign up
Payment and registration form must be delivered in person or mailed to:
Vern Olsen, 2869 Buckskin Road, Orlando, FL 32822-3896

Deadline: No later than Wednesday, March 7, 2018

More Info: Please call Vern at (207) 461-4058 between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Minimum Attending: We need at least 15 people to begin the class
There is a 30 person class limit (another class may be scheduled if we have need)

Items: You will need to bring your own notebook/notepad and pen/pencil.

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4	5 Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	6 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	7 Bread 9 AM ACH	8 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Bunco 6:00 PM ACH	9 Vets Social Hour 7 PM MCH	10 Valentine's Day Brunch 11 AM ACH Desserts Welcome
11	12 Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	13 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	14 Bread 9 AM ACH - HOA Board Mtg 7 PM ACH	15 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Bunco 6:00 PM ACH	16	17 Townhall Meeting 11 AM ACH
18	19 Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	20 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	21 Bread 9 AM ACH -	22 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Bunco 6:00 PM ACH	23	24 Bring a friend Meatload Dinner 5 PM ACH Desserts Welcome
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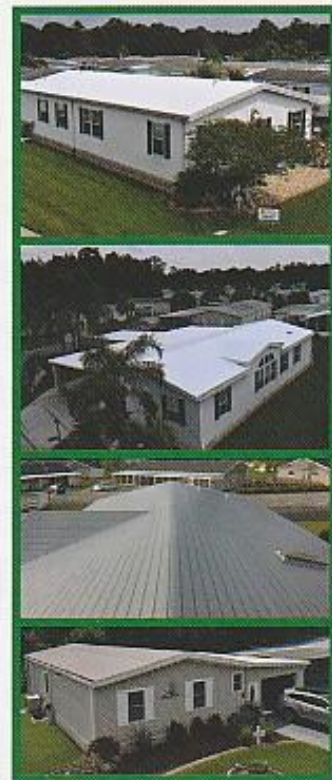
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