



Hello Starlight Ranch residents,

It's that time of year again when we see the flowers blooming and the trees budding to welcome the great blessings of spring. If you feel anything like me, it seems like the seasons change a lot quicker than they used to. I guess that comes with getting older.

One of the things we all notice with that aging process is the changes in our world. Some days we look around and get excited about these changes. Other times it can be a bit scary or even frustrating. I know we go through the frustrating part sometimes here at the Ranch, but as the seasons change so does our community.

As a leader of HOA it is very important to me for these changes to be more for the good than the bad so I always look for the good. Here are a couple of changes to fix some of the bad.

The amenities in our park have been falling apart and it's good to see some much needed repairs and maintenance. The pools still have more work to get them where they need to be for our enjoyment, but each day they are getting closer.

A couple of other repairs that I have been striving to get some attention for are the tennis courts and shuffle board courts. These are important since they are the curb appeal of our community. If we can have a nice entrance then hopefully that will start a movement to better the rest of the community.

With the new improvements to the courts it would be a good idea for our HOA to start a couple of groups or teams to enjoy the new improvements. First I'd like to see us start some shuffle board teams. Any ideas or help are more than welcome. Let's get out and enjoy some time together and get to know each other a little better.

Thanks,  
Curt



**Save the Date: April 21<sup>st</sup> Front Clubhouse.**

Community Rummage Sale

For a contribution of \$3 for an outside space and \$5 for an inside space you can be a part of this HOA Fundraiser! All contributions will go to buy gifts for the community Christmas Party. Call Roger Friday thru Tuesday between the hours of 9 am and 7 pm and Wednesday or Thursday between 5pm and 7 pm only to reserve your space. His number is 407-592-3850. We will be putting the sale on social media (Next Door and Craig's list) so we are should get a good turnout.

Activities

Happy Spring Ranchers! Did you know all activities are **open to all residents** of Starlight Ranch? Just sign up at the front clubhouse by 5 pm on the Thursday before the activity so we can buy enough food for everyone and bring your resident ID Card with you. Look at the calendar for dates and times for all the activities. Here are some highlights for April:

The 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM we will be having a Community Town Hall Meeting and that evening at 5 PM we will be having Movie and Pizza (Don't be late we go get the pizza at 5pm!)

The 21<sup>st</sup> is our Community Rummage Sale from 8 AM to 1 PM. I'm trying to find a Thrift Store to come at the end to pick up stuff that you don't want to lug home. See article with Roger's number to reserve a space.



welcome.

The 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm is our first Fun Day BBQ of the season. We will have Croquet and shuffleboard outside and games inside plus Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. Desserts are

We had 17 people complete the defensive Driving Course for Seniors given by the Florida Safety Council.



**AARP Note in case you missed our course:**

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HOA is starting a new process. We are compiling a list of all complaints to be addressed by ELS. If you have a complaint (past and current) not completed by ELS turn them into Georgia to add to the list which will be presented to ELS Management. If you would like to remain anonymous you can fill out the date, leave the top blank and no signature is needed. Put your lot # on the back so the HOA can contact you and drop it off at the HOA office in the back clubhouse. You can slide it under the door or drop it off during office hours on Thursday and Sunday from 2 – 3 PM. You can also put the complaints in the suggestion box in the front clubhouse. We are also looking for information to identify unauthorized residents and children living in the park. Please help the HOA make your community a nice safe place to live.

**St. Paddy's Dinner report**

All I saw was a huge Sea of Green at the great St. Patrick's Day dinner! Many, many leprechauns were there, and each had on a bit of green, including those great



green hats! And, we were treated to a menu with magical powers...featuring corned beef (34 lbs.!), boiled or roasted potatoes,

cabbage (my personal favorite), a mixed greens salad, yeast rolls, and authentic soda bread (provided by Diane and Steve Bagley).

We hope to see you at the Easter Dinner!

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## Chair Exercise... Check it out!

Everyone is still enjoying the exercises. We still have our regulars, Mable, Ruthie, Pat, Bertha, Beth and our only whiner Dave. Last Tuesday we had three new people, Cathy who brought Peggy (who was visiting from Jackson, N.J.) and Maria. Then on Thursday Cathy brought another out of town friend also named Cathy. Everyone had a great time. Please stop by and give us a try. It's all done sitting down and at your own pace. Chair exercises will end when the weather gets warmer and then we will be doing water exercises at the front pool. I can't wait for that!!!! Laurie Lyons is the instructor and she is great. We always get a good crowd for these exercises. Sunshine and warm water, what else could we ask for?

..... Pat Williams

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### Your HOA Board of Directors

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## Resident Highlight

Mary Rivera is one of our residents who make up the heart of Starlight Ranch. Mary loves to 'give back' to the community...she was Jim Bedell's entire support system. I've known her for many years, but thoroughly enjoyed some one-on-one time with her. Everyone should have a friend like Mary. I was lucky enough to meet her mother's oldest sister, Aunt Dorothy, who is here visiting.

Mary started calling Bingo in 2010...she is terrific!...even though she had never called Bingo before. And, she thought it was just for two times...8 years later...

She was on our HOA Board from 2014 through 2016. She is our Park Representative for FMO. And, she works part-time as a ticket scanner/usher at Camping World Stadium, Amway, and Bob Carr Theatre.

Mary was married to her husband, Tom, for 10 ½ years...however, she knew him for over 40 years. They



worked together at Barnard College, and then reconnected in 2002. They were among eight couples who were part of a triple digit free wedding ceremony (08/08/08) at the Empire City Racetrack (now a casino). Isn't her wedding photo just terrific? The weddings were covered by CBS TV & Radio, NBC, and ABC.

I'm sorry I never knew Tom...everyone says he had such great character, always a gentleman (at all times walking on the outside). Tom wanted to move to a warmer climate...thank heaven they chose Starlight Ranch!

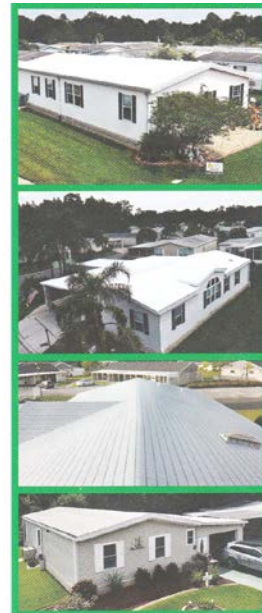
Mary worked as Housekeeper for Barnard for seven years, and then worked as a Secretary for their office for 10 years. After that, she worked for a foster care agency, typing progress notes for a Social Worker starting in 1992, then she was a HR Recruiting Specialist. Following that, in 2008, she was the agency's Scheduling Coordinator.

I love this story – she is quite the bowler! As Barnard had their own bowling lanes, she would bowl four times a week. And, get this! Her average was 250!! She used to participate in bowling tournaments...and, once in a tournament, she bowled 256!

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The Orlando area may not have the farms and orchards it once did, with development and the surge in population absorbing the agricultural lands, but there is still plenty of opportunity to get back to nature and pick your own fruits and vegetables — a true farm-to-table experience. There is always something in season and ready for harvest at these **U-Pick Farms near Orlando**.

One of the popular crops in the area is blueberries and we were told that the University of Florida has developed several varieties of blueberries that can withstand our long hot summers and short cool winters. Strawberries are plentiful in Central Florida too. Some of the farms also offer peaches, figs, grapes and watermelon, depending upon the season.

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### [Bekemeyer Family Farm LLC](#)

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November to June: Strawberries

### [Blueberry Hill Farm](#)

5000 Berry Groves Road, Clermont  
863-944-1401

April through May: Blueberries

Call to get updates on when they will open for the season

## April Birthday & Anniversaries

*Vets... continued*

Names	Birthday	Anniversary
Jerry Scott	4/1	
Guy Bolleville	4/5	
Susan Ortiz	4/5	
Carmen Gonzalez	4/5	
Deanza Bostick	4/6	
Theresa Smith	4/11	
Craig Olsen	4/11	
Beverlee Swerdlen	4/12	
Ellen Estep	4/13	
Roberto Cotto	4/17	
Pam Echard	4/18	
Tom Dance	4/19	
Gertrude Michaels	4/20	
Leila Acevedo	4/20	
Ruth Henley	3/21 **	
Jose Rodriguez	4/22	
Peggy Serett	4/27	
Miriam Rodriguez	4/27	
Shirley Henry	4/29	
Jim Bedell	4/29	
Linda Olsen	4/29	
Connie Carter	4/30	
Pam Springer	4/30	
Debbie Smith	4/30	
Brian & Darcy Bailey		4/4
Steve & Beverlee Swerdlen		4/12
Jim & Ruthie Henley		4/28
Jerry & Betty Scott		4/30

Patty's meal was, as usual, delicious. We had Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Toast, Strawberry Shortcake, Swiss Chocolate Rolls and Cookies.

Richard Balderson we missed you and Marli. Hope you are feeling better and we'll see you both in April.

## What is a Veteran?

**A veteran is defined by federal law, moral code and military service as "Any, Any, Any"... A military veteran is Any person who served for Any length of time in Any military service branch (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines. Certain Coast Guard personnel operating under the War Dept, Navy Dept or Dept of Defense are also military veterans.) However, other uniform-wearing agencies that are allowed some military benefits by the Veterans Administration are not military veterans (Public Health Service, Merchant Marine, etc.) Additionally, spouses and children of military veterans allowed some benefits by the VA are not military veterans.**

### Veteran's and Friends

#### *Pat Williams*

Veteran's at the March social were Laurie Lyons – Navy, Joe Laferriere –Navy, David Douma –USMC, Jackie Bedard –Navy and John Bertsch-Army.

Guests were Marti Hensley, Pat Williams, Barry Bertsch, Patty and Craig Olsen, Lucy Mejias, Mary Rivera and Betty Fisher.

Laurie read the Veteran's Prayer and we remembered Jim Bedell.

A lot of good conversations were going on all evening. My table had fabulous stories about our younger days. Oh my, they sure were the days. LOL



### Free Tax Preparation

Veterans and their family have access to free tax preparation services through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance offices on military bases. The individuals who work in the offices have expertise working with the complicated nature of military-related tax issues.

Read more: <https://militarybenefits.info/10-veterans-benefits-you-may-not-know-about/#ixzz5Aor5Aifz>



## Hola Residentes Amigos del Rancho Starlight

Por: Jose Rodriguez, Residente

¡Felicidades en esta primavera Rancheros! Sabia usted que todas las actividades que se llevan a cabo en este parque son abiertas para todos los residentes sean o no sean miembros de la HOA. Todo lo que los residentes que quieran asistir a cualquier actividad tienen que hacer es apuntarse en la casa club al frente no más tarde de las 5 pm el jueves antes de la actividad. La razón por cual se pide esto es para saber cuanta comida comprar y preparar. El día de la actividad venga, traiga su tarjeta de ID y disfrute de la actividad. Chequee el calendario por las fechas y horarios.

Por la cantidad de \$3.00 por un espacio afuera o \$5.00 por uno adentro, usted puede ser parte de esta actividad, Venta Pulguera, el sábado 21 de abril, para recaudar fondos, beneficio nuestro HOA. Todas contribuciones se usarán para comprar regalos para la actividad Navideña de la comunidad. Llame a Roger miércoles o jueves de 5 a 7 pm, o cualquier otro día de 9am a 7pm para reservar su espacio al 407-592-3850.

La persona coordinando esta actividad está tratando de conseguir una tienda de ahorro que se lleve todo lo que no vendamos y no queramos cargar con ellos a las casas.

El pasado sábado 10 de marzo, nuestro HOA auspicio el Curso Defensivo de Manejar para Envejecientes y 17 de nuestros (seniors) participaron. El curso conocido en Ingles como el AARP Smart Driver Online Course ha sido

reconocido y aprobado como el mejor en prevención de accidentes entre personas de mayor edad por el Departamento de Vehículos de Motor y Seguridad en las Carreteras del estado de Florida. Personas de 55 en adelante que completen el curso con seguros de carros pueden ser elegibles para descuentos por tres años. \$24.95 o \$19.95 si es miembro de AARP.

Nuestro HOA quiere comenzar un nuevo proceso con las querellas. Quieren compilar una lista de querellas dirigidas a la empresa dueña de este parque) ESL=. Si usted tiene una querella, nueva o de anterior que no ha sido atendida por la gerencia, sométela a la oficina de HOA para añadir a las que ya tienen para entregar a la gerencia. Si no quiere identificarse por su nombre simplemente ponga su número de lote atrás del papel.

La oficina de HOA esta abierta para los residentes los jueves y domingos de 2 a 3 pm. Si está cerrado simplemente póngala bajo la puerta y empújela. También puede depositar la querella en La caja de sugerencias en la casa club al frente. Una de las cosas que mas queremos atacar es lo de personas y niños en el parque sin autorización

Hasta la proxima, Amigos!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	<b>10</b> Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	<b>11</b> Bread 9 AM ACH  HOA Board Mtg 6 PM ACH	<b>12</b> Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH  Bunco 6:00 PM ACH	<b>13</b>  VETS & Friends 7 PM MCH	<b>14</b> Town Hall 11 AM ACH  Movie & Pizza 5 PM ACH
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	<b>17</b> Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	<b>18</b> Bread 9 AM ACH	<b>19</b> Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH  Bunco 6:00 PM ACH	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Rummage Sale 8 AM - 1 PM ACH
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	<b>24</b> Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Wellcare Bingo 1 PM ACH	<b>25</b> Bread 9 AM ACH	<b>26</b> Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH  Bunco 6:00 PM ACH	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Fun Day B-B-Q 1 PM ACH Desserts Welcome
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	Notes: ACH = Front Clubhouse MCH = Back Clubhouse				