



Hello Starlight Ranch Residents!

The season change is here...and that means there will be changes in our community that comes with that!! Some of our residents have already or soon will be heading to their summer homes. I now call that "The Great White North"! It's still snowing at some of those northern homes!

If you know any of our seasonal residents please be a good friend and keep an eye on their homes when they are not there. Let someone know if you see anything that looks like there may be a problem. If it looks like a break-in, call the police! If you notice cars parked there that don't seem like they should be there, let the management or a board member know so it can be checked into.

One of the things that a sheriff told us in a crime prevention meeting was the best thing people in a community like this can do is to for each other is to try to know and be a friend with the residents that live next door to them on all sides. We all know that is not always easy since there are people that just don't want to talk or be friendly (easier to just avoid them), but what he was saying was the more we look out for each other the safer our community will be.

One of the biggest complaints we get on the board is: "Why are all of the people that are not old enough for an age qualified community or are not registered renters at the office living here?" If you feel that someone is living next door to you that does not seem to fit into one of these categories; file the proper paper work with the management and get a signed and dated copy of the complaint form.

We have learned with our past dealings with this

situation that some people are a bit uncomfortable going to the office or just feel they are wasting their time, so we have set up a program for a board member to help out with filing the management paperwork and taking care of the follow up. We can also keep your complaint anonymous. Once in awhile we find out that it is not what it looks like when we know the whole story or we even find out there are additional rules we didn't know about.

This all "kinda comes down" to what I started out with here...the more we know about who lives next door and the more we look out for each other, the safer our community will be. Something else we are going to be doing very soon is going door to door to canvas the community to verify our resident list. We especially want to clear up some of the misleading information about our HOA so that everyone knows what our true fiduciary responsibilities are...for you...the residents.

Thanks for your support

Curt



*From the Editor: David Blackwell*

DID YOU NOTICE: We have resurfaced tennis courts and shuffle board courts. Our tennis courts also have fence covers with the Starlight Ranch logo. With our resurfaced parking lots and new lawn care service our community is looking much better.

A special "Thanks" to David and Staff.

**Resident of the Month by Joan Stearns**

Maria Ragazzone certainly knows how to be a friend! She is part of the heart of Bread on Wednesday mornings – always cheerful, kind, and full of hugs for everyone. She is such a great addition! One morning all of us at Bread started singing “Maria” – we couldn’t help it!

Maria has lived in the United States for over 50 years. She has lived in San Francisco, Seattle, and North Carolina ... but she loves Orlando the best, retiring here over 18 years ago, after working in a nursing home. She has six children...four girls, two boys. Two of her daughters live nearby...and she has 10 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren!

She is definitely a “people lady” in that she loves to take care of her neighbors and others. She loves Starlight Ranch, and thinks the residents here are the best. Her home is darling, with an abundance of lovely plants in her yard.

She’s a huge fan of country western music...Kenny Rogers being her favorite. She has never driven...walks all over. I consider myself very lucky having her as a friend. Join us at Bread on Wednesday mornings and you’ll see what I mean.



**VETERANS AND FRIENDS by Pat Williams**

We had another enjoyable monthly get-together. Our veterans tonight were Laurie Lyons-Navy, Jackie Bedard-Navy, Richard Balderson-Navy, John Bertsche-Army, Joe Laferriere-Navy. Dave Douma we sure missed you and our laughs at the table.

The guests tonight were Betty Fisher, Marli Silverthorne, Barry Bertsche, Pat Williams, Marti Hensley, Patty and Craig Olsen. Patty made two kinds of pizza and they both were delicious. There was a Pepperoni Chicken Pizza and a Chicken garlic Alfredo Pizza which I just loved. Patty also had a mixed salad and assorted chips. Desserts were three kinds of cookies: Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin and Macadamia. Jackie always brings some chocolate candies.

We sure would like to have some more Veterans come and be with us. It would be so interesting to hear your stories and adventures. I’m from Newport, RI and that was quite a Navy town. Now I’ve heard there is very little Navy there now. The War College is still there but no more ships. That is so surprising to me. When I was in high school they would have some ships opened to the public and that was so much fun. Taking the boat out to the ship was a thrill. Got to meet some nice guys too.



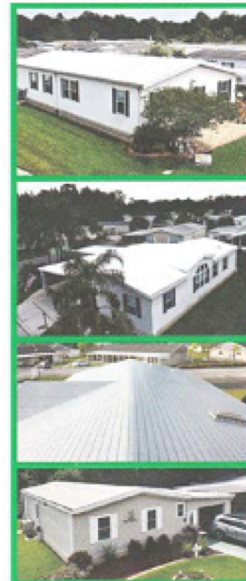
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### Easter Dinner by Joan Stearns

What a terrific time we all had at the Easter Dinner! Almost 70 residents were treated to baked ham, roasted potatoes, fresh carrots (*my personal favorite!*), green beans, fresh rolls, and a choice of over 10 desserts. Beautiful Easter Baskets were the centerpiece at several tables.

I went around to a number of tables and asked about the meaning of Easter...many said the holiday was truly an awakening – Spring is on its way! “Hope” was mentioned many times, others talked about Easter Egg Hunts. I remember hiding eggs for our boys outside...snow and all...and, of course, when the snow melted, we could see all the eggs that were not found. Others said they had fond memories of sharing dinner with their neighbors.

The dinner was a heart-warming evening, and we'll see you in May! Cinco de Mayo! Mother's Day! Memorial Day Barbeque!!





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Hola Amigos Residentes del Rancho Starlight\*

Por: Jose Rodriguez

El cambio de temporada esta aquí, y eso quiere decir que habrá cambios por toda la comunidad. Es el tiempo cuando muchos de nuestros residentes regresan a sus casas de verano, por lo regular en el norte o sea donde hacia frio, o quizás donde todavía hace frio.

Si usted tiene algún vecino de estos, por favor sea un buen vecino-amigo y mantenga un ojo en su propiedad mientras estén ausente. Avísele a alguien si ve que algo anda mal. Si ve carros cuales usted sospecha no pertenecen ahí, déjele saber a la gerencia o a un miembro de la junta. Si ve lo que pueda ser que alguien ha entrado, llame la policía.

En una sesión que tuvimos con el Alguacil nos dijeron que en comunidades como la nuestra es buena práctica tratar de conocer a los vecinos a todos los lados de su casa. No siempre es posible porque hay personas que no quieren ser amistosos, pero lo que nos dicen es traten lo más que puedan.

Pues le queremos hacer saber que las canchas de tenis y shuffle han sido revestida y esa área en total ha sido remodelada... para el uso de ustedes nuestros residentes.

Otra vez queremos exhortarles que se aprovechen de las buenas y sanas actividades que hay disponible para los residentes. Prácticamente cada sábado hay algo planificado en la casa club al frente. Lo único diferente a tiempos previos es que están tratando de comenzar las actividades temprano cosa de que todavía este claro al culminar la actividad. Además de los sábados, los veteranos se reúnen el segundo viernes del mes y siempre tienen una charla y algo bueno de comer.

Queremos también informarles que siempre estamos reclutando personas para que nos ayuden con las actividades voluntariamente. Siempre necesitamos gente en la cocina o para servir o limpiar al terminar.

Bien Amigos, será hasta la próxima!

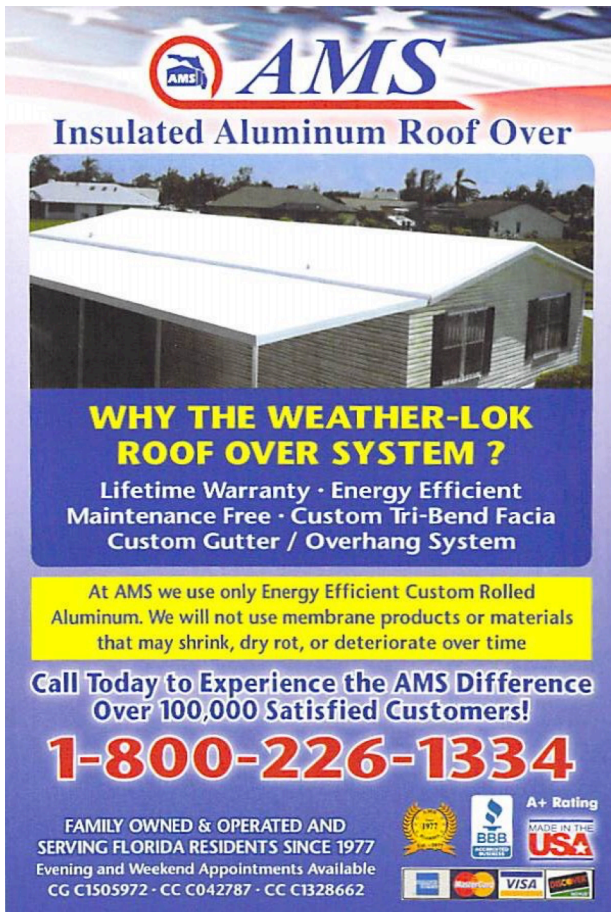


# Harry Potter

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## Activities for May 2018

Hello Residents! We have a busy month ahead and will need servers for our activities. We ask that you sign up at the front clubhouse no later than 5pm on the Thursday before the activity so we have enough food. On the 5<sup>th</sup> (Cinco de Mayo) we will be having a Fajitas dinner with all the fixings, black beans and rice, refried beans and nachos. The 12<sup>th</sup> will be our Mother's Day dinner. It will be meatloaf, Mashed potatoes and gravy, Broccoli, salad and rolls. We are asking for men to help serve for this dinner. The 19<sup>th</sup> is our ever-popular Ice Cream Social and Gift Card Bingo, Florida All-Weather is providing the gift cards this month. On the 26<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Memorial Day weekend BBQ. Chair exercises are over and will resume in the fall. Activities are open to all residents and authorized guests with guest passes.

Water Exercise will start June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9AM at the BACK Clubhouse. Please bring a noodle, sunscreen and water. The classes run an hour to and hour and a half long on Tuesday and Thursdays.

Laurie

## OBITUARIES

**Jane Huyler**, a long-time resident of our Park, died peacefully at the age of 93, on April 2. I was lucky enough to have spent some time with her, as she was featured in our “Resident of the Month” column in our monthly newsletter. What a remarkable woman! For 30 years, she was a competitive international ballroom dancer – one room in her home held all her costumes (she never wore the same one twice). She also ran a 30-room boarding house in Atlantic City. In June, her ashes will go back to New Jersey. There will be a small remembrance service on Saturday, May 19, at the Loyal Order of the Moose, 5001 No. Orange Blossom Trail, at 1 pm



Jim Bedell a long time resident at Starlight Ranch passed away on 2/28/18. Jim was a retired Air Force Veteran; he did 2 tours in Vietnam. Jim was a true & proud patriot. Jim was the first guy to lend a helping hand, helping many friends and neighbors throughout the community. Some of you will remember Jim with his partner Janice Traynor who was our Pool Monitor for many years. Prayers and condolences go out to his family & friends.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
Aida Sierra	5/1	
Frank Harber	5/2	
Jean Rassmussen	5/3	
Tony Ortiz	5/4	
Al Brown	5/6	
Ana B	5/13	
Kathryn 'Kat' Ayers	5/18	
Maria Lalama	5/19	
Lee Ann Schaffer	5/19	
Beth Blackwell	5/19	
Barbara Thorne	5/20	
Haggeo Sandoval	5/22	
Steve Pepper	5/25	
Dave Wegman	5/26	
Blanca Rivera	5/27	
Daniel Fonteine	5/30	
Tony & Carol Ortiz		5/4
Craig & Patty Olsen		5/31

CHAIR EXERCISES by Pat Williams

We are still having fun doing the chair exercises every Tuesday and Thursday but they will end on April 24 and April 26. Just for the summer though. We will be starting the swimming exercises soon and then the chair exercises will start up again in the fall. We really had a great time this year and will be looking forward to it again. One thing about the chair exercises is that you do it at your own pace and it is a lot of fun. Come and join us. You'll have a good time. Watch for the date in the late summer newsletter.

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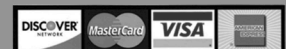
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Bread 9 AM ACH	<b>3</b>  Bunco 6:00 PM ACH	<b>4</b>  Activity Meeting 6 PM ACH	<b>5</b>  Cinco de Mayo-Fajitas 5 PM ACH Desserts Welcome
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Bread 9 AM ACH  HOA Board Mtg 6 PM ACH	<b>10</b>  Bunco 6:00 PM ACH	<b>11</b>  VETS & Friends 7 PM MCH	<b>12</b>  Mother's Day Dinner 5 PM ACH Desserts Welcome
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	<b>15</b>  Wellcare Bingo 1 PM ACH	<b>16</b> Bread 9 AM ACH	<b>17</b>  Bunco 6:00 PM ACH	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Ice Cream Social and Gift Card Bingo 1 PM ACH All Weather Sponsor
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Bread 9 AM ACH	<b>24</b>  Bunco 6:00 PM ACH	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Memorial Day B-B-Q 1 PM ACH Desserts Welcome
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Bingo 6:45 PM - ACH Last Sale - 6:30 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Bread 9 AM ACH	<b>31</b>  Bunco 6:00 PM ACH	Notes: ACH = Front Clubhouse MCH = Back Clubhouse	