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Your HOA President's Message

Hello Starlight Ranch Residents:

Over the last couple of months I have been trying to let the residents here at "The Ranch" know how important it is for our community to have a strong HOA to represent its residents.

Only a small handful of people that understand have responded. We also have reached a few who have not fallen for the misleading information about what your HOA can do. There are many things that we can and have already done to make a difference in the services due to you as a resident. You pay lot rent each month for certain services that you don't always receive.

It has become very clear to me as president of the HOA that most of our residents either don't care or don't understand how important it is to have this support group here at this corporate owned community. In my opinion they just don't want to know what will happen to their investment into a home here.

We all know that there are a lot of issues here with rule violations, people with children and young adults living here that are not legal. The way I see it is they are stealing the community from the seniors that have put their hard earned money into a community that they believed to be for a **55+ lifestyle**.

There are state laws and corporate rules that allow the owners of 55+ communities to have residents as young as 40 within these guidelines but we all know those rules are not followed here at Starlight Ranch. If corporate owners are not "called out" by the residents that are the home owners in a park, the rules continue to be broken by the owners. This is why a strong HOA to represent the home owners is needed to see that the rules are followed. We continue to see unauthorized residents and management that turns their heads away from the rules that are written clearly in the contract you sign to live here.

This park was set up to be a comfortable lifestyle for seniors. Due to years of oversight it became an easy place for a corporation to make a great profit with a very small reinvestment back into the community.

If you want to step up and make a difference... it is possible to turn this ship in the right direction with the right team in place on our HOA. If you feel that you want get involved, the annual HOA elections are coming in November. We need some good homeowners to make that difference!

Please think about this and if you want to make a difference give me a call, or send me an email at cdelong@yahoo.com

As a **community** we can make a difference, as a **mere handful** of very few residents the corporate owners do as they please!

For your safety get to know the people that live around you and you will find out the greatest gift we have here at Starlight Ranch is the people that live here!!

Thank you
Curt

Important!! The monthly Activities Calendar in this Newsletter Edition is an insert!! Don't throw it away!!

PUNs of the Day

1. I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not too sure.
2. Doing nothing is hard, you never know when you're done.
3. If two wrongs don't make a right, try three.
4. I am not lazy, I am on energy saving mode.
5. Life is short, smile while you still have teeth.
6. A balanced diet means a cupcake in each hand.

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Let's Talk About Another Exceptional Restaurant with a Great Name: "Sweet Mamas"

By Joan Stearns

It's my favorite breakfast spot – in Lake Nona, at 10743 Narcoossee Rd., just behind Publix. Try one of their Daily Specials, a gourmet salad, or a hearty homemade favorite.

Mama knows best – homemade spinach and artichoke dip, homemade potato salad, and homemade pies! Their Reuben sandwich on grilled rye in out-of-this-world...and wait until you taste their chicken soup.

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Football Is Back

by Roger Goodell, NFL Commissioner

I don't think there are three words in sports that get more people more excited about what is yet to come.

There really is nothing like football. The plays that make your jaw drop. The moments that make your heart pound through your chest. The stakes that are always there, through all 17 regular season weeks – when every win or loss could mean the difference between making the playoffs or watching at home.

Last year, in the face of so much adversity, it was the Philadelphia Eagles. Now, fans all around the league can look at their own teams and say – why not us? And they're right.

But along the way the best parts will be the moments that we can all treasure, no matter where we're from or who we root for. The stories that give the game meaning far beyond the field – that reveal the true character of the players, coaches and also you – the greatest fans in the world. Because it's through these stories, and in these moments, that football brings us all together, often in awe-inspiring ways.

So, we're looking forward to another year of the amazing. Another year highlighting incredible stars and indelible performances. Another Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year, another Most Valuable Player – and, of course, another massive celebration for the team that hoists the Lombardi Trophy.

Here's to you, your team and the NFL's 99th season. It's time to celebrate.

Starlight Resident Ads

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Need a PC? I have a couple to **give** to a deserving resident. They both have Windows 10 installed and several good applications (MS Office, etc.). Give me a call and leave a message. Jim Henley .. (407-493-4691)

Free Things in October

Popcorn Flicks in The Park – House of Wax

Thursday, October 13, 8pm
Central Park, Winter Park
Free admission and popcorn

Oktoberfest

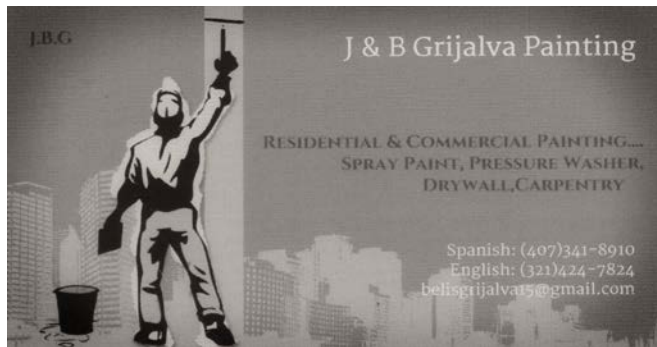
Friday, October 7, 5-10pm
Avalon Park

Winter Park Autumn Art Festival

October 8-9, 9am-5pm
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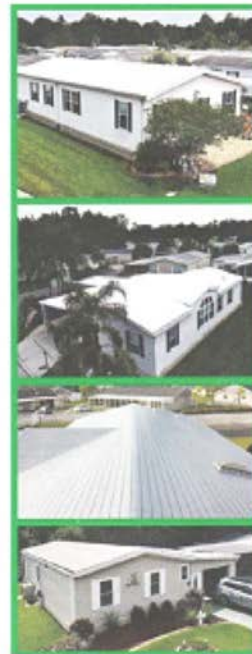
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Oct Activities

Hello Ranchers! Fall is finally here, so get out of the house and come to our activities! The 6th is our Ice Cream Social and gift card bingo. The 12th is our Vets and Friends Social Hour and on the 13th is Pizza and a Movie night (I won't know what the movie is until that day). On the 16th is WellCare Bingo at 1 PM, and then on the 23rd at 10 AM is a Medicare Seminar (everyone who shows gets a \$10 gift card). The 27th is our monthly Community dinner and the menu will be a surprise!

Donations

The Activities Committee is looking for donations for our Christmas Party. If you have something new and unopened hanging around the house that we could use as a gift please donate it. We accept unused gift cards and handmade gifts. Thank you in advance. Please give to Georgia or Laurie, if you need us to pick it up call Laurie at 352-210-6868.

Volunteers needed to join the activity committee! We are down to 3 members and we need new ideas.

Our next meeting is the 5th at 6 PM in the front clubhouse.

Halloween falls on Oct. 31 because of the ancient Gaelic Festival of Samhain, considered the earliest known root of Halloween, occurred on this day. It marked a pivotal time of year when seasons changed, but – more importantly – observers believed the boundary between this world and the next is especially thin at this time – enabling them to connect with the dead. Spooky, huh?



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<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
Daniel Flores	10/2	
Carol Anthony	10/2	
Judith Moore	10/3	
Denise Koplal	10/5	
Mary Valles	10/5	
Fred Desjarlais	10/5	
Joe Laferriere	10/6	
Gladys Ibarra	10/6	
Bea Church	10/7	
Lynn Therrien	10/7	
Jim Thomas	10/8	
Demny Moniz	10/9	
Chris Wessells	10/12	
William Kennedy	10/20	
Annette Gondeau	10/26	
Vern Olsen	10/27	
Lynne Kratzer	10/28	
Hector Flores	10/29	
Michelle Borgman	10/30	
Maria & Gary Brown		10/4
Jean & Ray Rasmussen		10/7
Daniel & Sandra Flores		10/10

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in future issues, please print the information on the clipboard in the front (ACH) clubhouse. You only have to put your name on the list once. It is then added to the Master List. Also, please let us know of any residents that have passed-on or moved away.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Great Dinners/Lunches here! All welcome!

Check the Calendar insert and sign up.



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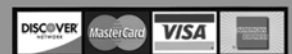
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Veteran's Social Hour

Pat Williams

Tonight was our first night back after the summer recess. It was so great seeing our veterans and friends. Veterans were Laurie Lyons – Navy, John Bertsche- Army, Jackie Bedard-Navy and David Douma-USMC. We missed Joe Laferriere-Navy and hope he will be able to be with us at next month's social.

The guests were Betty Fisher, Marli Silverthorne, Sandra Compton, Pat Williams, Angie Secrest, Curt DeLong, Craig and Patty Olsen, and Barry Bertsche.

We had a wonderful dinner, Pulled Pork sandwiches, Macaroni and Cheese, and Memphis style cole slaw. Desserts were Cookie Brownie and Old fashioned Apple Cake with whipped cream.

Betty told us a wonderful story about a special friend of the family, Junior Volmer who was in the Army in WW2. There was also a beautiful picture.

We would like to have more Veterans come and be with us each month. We would love to hear your stories and adventures. The Social Hour is held at the back clubhouse. Each month in our Newsletter there is a calendar and it shows what date and time the meeting will be.

An Autumn Poem for You!

Bringing Autumn In

Grandma's paring apples,
Sign that's full of cheer;
Summer's nearly over,
Autumn's nearly here.
Cozy evenings coming,
Mornings brisk and cool;
Long vacation ended,
Busy times at school.

Grandma's paring apples.
Some of them she dries,
Some make sauce and puddings,
Some make spicy pies.
Pantry smells delicious,
Pockets bulge out wide;
Children with their baskets
Roam the orchard-side.

Grandma's paring apples,
Nicest time o'year;
Firelight and lamplight
Fill the house with cheer.
Odors sweet in cellar,
Rosy fruit in bin;

Resident Obituary

Albert E. Michaels, age 93, passed away on Monday, September 10th. Al was born on Dec. 4, 1924, in Brooklyn, NY. He proudly served in the US Navy from 1943 – 1946. On June 7, 1947, he married his loving wife of 71 years, Gertrude.

Al worked for many years for the NYC Transit Authority, as a bus driver and later as a dispatcher before his retirement to Orlando. He was an avid gambler who loved to play craps.

He is survived by his wife, Gert, his daughter, Mary Ann Healey, and her husband, Terry. He will be remembered as a loving father and devoted husband.

Interment with full military honors was held at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Rule Reminder of the Month

By Curt DeLong

Hey Starlight Ranch residents! Here is a friendly reminder about one of the rules listed in your Starlight Ranch owner contract. Some folks may think that as they have bought their home and pay the required rent for the land that it sets on; they can do as they please to their home and yard. Sorry, but that's not what we signed up for. As a resident you are required to follow the rules and guidelines in your contract. Example: not painting your house a different color. To do so you are required to get Starlight Ranch management approval for your selected color. This is required to keep a standard to the homes in our community. A big plus is that keeping a high standard enhances your selling price should you decide to sell and leave the Ranch. If you are breaking the rules you agreed to when buying your home, you may have your home taken away through the legal system. You will be losing any investment you currently have in your home. Bottom line: If you don't like the rules, and don't want to follow them, perhaps it is time to consider selling your home and moving somewhere with less rule constraints!!

Thank you Curt

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