



Starlight Ranch Mobile Homeowner's Association, Inc.

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Hello Starlight Ranch residents,

We have been getting a bit of a cool spell here at the ranch lately and I hope everyone is doing well. For some this cool weather is a welcome break from the heat of the summer, but there are those of us with the aches & pains that come from age that have a hard time when it gets cold out. If you have a neighbor that you know and have not seen much lately, take a minute to check on them and warm them up with your Love and Care.

Since the thought of rent increase is fresh on our minds with the annual letter from management, it's a good time to bring up as I have many, many times in the past - how important the HOA and the support of the membership does make a big difference. The end of this year is when we meet with management about our new rent increase for the next 1-3 years. Although we do represent all of the homeowners as your HOA, your membership is very helpful in showing management your support and gives you the ability to vote for who is on the HOA board. This board will be doing its best to represent you and your home. Bottom line is a weak paid HOA membership is a weak voice with the management. For \$10 a year you are a voting member and have a say-so on who is representing our great community that a lot of us call home.

The board that is seated this year is full of some very special people who do care about you and our community! We are going to do the best we can to get a fair and balanced deal from corporate. We need to hear from you on issues with any ideas that might help us with the negotiation process. Think about the services that are provided and market comparison that could justify these rent increases. I just want to make it very clear, we as the HOA board are not the ones that make the decisions! We are the group that speaks for the community and for you. If you say nothing then we hear

nothing! This is our community so we have to do what we can as a **team** to take care of the community and our homes or someone else will do it for you!

Since February is the month we have Valentines Day to show a bit of Love to our loved ones, it's a good time to share a bit of that Love to someone who may need it. You could make a big difference in someone's day!!

Curt

Resident Request (Lost Phone Number)

A person (Jodie) responded to the notice below last October.

The phone number was lost. Please call again as I really need your help.

"Are you honest, outgoing, love life to the fullest? Male or female needed to run errands for senior lady in park part-time."

Please call Linda ASAP [407-613-6492](tel:407-613-6492)
or [386-344-2254](tel:386-344-2254) Will discuss pay.

Editor Information Note:

I have received several requests to repair infected PCs lately. It seems there is an up-tick in PC infection methods aimed at seniors. Here are some scam methods to watch out for:

1. *A phone call telling you that Microsoft has detected a virus on your PC. Hang up, it's a scam.*
2. *You receive a big pop-up on your PC saying your device is infected and to call some telephone number. **Fix: Press your power off button for 10 seconds. Restart after a minute. All should be OK.** Call me if in doubt: Jim 407 493-4691*

Thoughts on "My Dear Hamilton"

By Joan Stearns

As the play "Hamilton, the Musical" hits Orlando...if you're going to see the play or if you're a fan of historical fiction, you need to read "My Dear Hamilton" by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie.

The authors combine their love of history with their passion for storytelling. A General's daughter, Elizabeth meets and marries Alexander Hamilton and they find themselves establishing their life together at the same time they are the center of our nation's founding. She struggles to define herself in the wake of war, betrayal, and tragedy.

It's great to immerse ourselves into the stories and lives of a strong and independent woman living at a time when a woman's well-being, success, and status were subject to a husband's or father's control, permission, and blessing.

And, of course, I love Valentine's Day...it's a day to ignite our existing relationship with romance!!

Who Should Make the Coffee?

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, "You are in charge of the cooking around here so you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee. "Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides it says in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that! Show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says, "HEBREWS."



Recent Obituaries

Steven W. Moore was welcomed into the loving arms of our Lord on November 12, 2018. Steve was a resident in Starlight Ranch since 2016. Steve was born in Manchester, NH, to the late Charles F. Moore Sr. and Judith Palmer Moore, who also live in Starlight Ranch since 1988. Steve was a great mechanic, electrician and plumber.

Family members include his loving mother Judith (Palmer) Moore, step-dad Roger Hebert and brother Todd Moore. He was preceded by father, Charles Franklin Moore Sr. and brother, Charles Franklin Moore, Jr. To their love he returns; reunited at last.

Arlene Dail We extend our prayers and sympathy to all of the many friends and family of Arlene who was a long time resident of Starlight Ranch. At one time she lived on one of the front streets, but for the last several years she lived on Stallion. She made her journey to heaven on Sunday, January 13, 2019. Her son was with her. Her family is taking her ashes to Colorado as she wished.

Veteran's Get-together

Pat Williams

Veterans were: John Bertsch – Army, Jackie Bedard – Navy, Laurie Lyons-Navy, David Douma-USMC

Guests were: Barry Bertsch, Betty Fisher, Craig and Patty Olsen and Pat Williams.

Our menu was Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Tomato Soup, Ham and Bean Soup and Salad.

Betty made a wonderful Vanilla Cake with buttercream frosting.

Betty read a wonderful story, *The Ragged Old Flag*, written by Johnny Cash. Craig got the story on his phone and we all listened to it. It was just so beautiful.

Morris, an 82-year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days afterward, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc - 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur- be careful.'"



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**Chinese
New Year**

Lots of us have taken to texting with gusto. Some even have their own vocabulary:

- BFF:** Best Friend Fainted
- BYOT:** Bring Your Own Teeth
- CBM:** Covered by Medicare
- FWB:** Friend with Beta-blockers
- LMDO:** Laughing My Dentures Out
- GGPBL:** Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low!

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Some facts you probably don't want to know:

- **Chinese New Year is on 5th February**
- **Year 2019 is the Year of the Pig by the Chinese calendar.**
- It is unclear when exactly the celebration of the New Year began in China. Its celebration is said to have originated from the year end religious ceremony observed during the Shang Dynasty (1766 BC - 1122 BC). Some believe that the practice began as early as the period of Emperor Yao and Shun's (~2300 BC) reigns. When the tradition first began, the date of the New Year celebration varied from mid-winter to early spring. However, the maturity of the solar base calendar provided Emperor Wu (157 BC - 87 BC) of the Han Dynasty (206 BC - 220) with a consistent means to measure a period of a year. Hence, he established the first day of the first month of the traditional Chinese calendar as the beginning of the year, and Chinese New Year remains celebrated accordingly to this day.
- **The legend of Chinese New Year's origin:**
According to tales and legends, the beginning of Chinese New Year started with the fight against a mythical beast called the "Year." The "Year" looked like an ox with the head of a lion, and was believed to inhabit the sea. On the night of New Year's Eve, the "Year" would come out to harm animals, people, and their properties. Eventually, people discovered that the "Year" feared the color red, fire, and loud sounds. Therefore, for self-protection, people formed the habits of posting red Dui Lian in front of their houses, launching fireworks, and hanging lanterns at year end.
- **There.... aren't you happier now?**



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Honey?

Man: "Honey, on this Valentine's Day, I want to tell you something... I'm not rich like Jack. I don't have a mansion like Russell. I don't have a Porsche like Martin. But I do love you and I want to marry you."

Woman: "Oh, dear, I love you too! What was that you said about Martin?"



Resident Birthday/Anniversary List

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
Carlos Rodriguez	2/1	
Donna Caulkins	2/1	
Ray Rassmussen	2/1	
Betty Anderson	2/4	
Charles Mullen	2/4	
Bob Marley	2/6	
Micki Dugan	2/11	
Nancy Correa	2/15	
Adriana Pereira	2/18	
Sabrina Smith	2/21	
Martha Van Meter	2/23	
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

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.

Exercise Group

Every week on Tuesday and Thursday we do a great workout watching exercise video on the television. All exercises are done sitting down and at your own pace. We supply the weights that are needed on some days. No, they are not heavy. Ruthie, Mabel, Pat and Maria are regulars but we do have people show up who want to see what we are doing and sometimes they join us. The hour goes by quickly. We would like others to come and join us. You only do what you can do.

An elderly man sees an old friend crying in a bar.

He goes up to him and asks him how everything's going in his life?

"Wonderful," his friend answers. "I just got married to the most desirable woman a man could ever lay his eyes on!"

"So why are you crying, my friend?"

"Because I can't remember where I live!"

2019 HOA Officers and Directors

Curtis Delong – *President/Director*

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Laurie Lyons – *Vice President/Director*

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407-277-1961

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Dawn Hughes – *Director*

407-432-6545

Bruce Halverson – *Director*

618-315-9993

REMINDER

Please Slow Down before one of our residents is run-over while walking. Since most of our streets don't have sidewalks, the speed limit is 10 mph in those areas. Just another reminder that we are not supposed to be parking on the street: this rule was modified if you have a caregiver, a delivery or someone helping you they will not have their car towed while they are there. It is a danger to leave a car on the road all day, especially on a small street. If an emergency vehicle or large truck comes down the road, you are creating a problem with your car. The rules are 2 cars per resident to be parked in the driveway. When you moved to the Ranch you signed an agreement that listed these rules. Please know those rules. If you cannot find your copy of the rules they are posted in each clubhouse near the front door.

Thanks **Curt**

Valentine's Day Dream

After she woke up, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed you gave me a diamond necklace for Valentine's Day. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," he said.

That evening the husband came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it-to find a book entitled "*The Meaning of Dreams.*"

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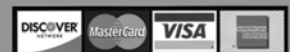
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TRASH

We just wanted to give the community a little reminder that the community does have rules on trash pick-up and when and what can be put on the curb for pick up. There was some confusion this past summer with our service. Management has done all they can to fix the problem and things seem to be going a lot better now; but some of us are not following the rules, which leads to a mess on the street. Please take the time to read the letter put out by management on the schedule of pick up and know that there are proper times for different kinds of waste. (Letter is planned for an insert in this newsletter or it will be posted at the mailboxes.) If you put something out whenever it's convenient for you....you will be getting a letter or visit from office to remove it till the proper time.

Thank you **Curt**

Here are my Monthly "Free Things to do"

- Old Town Kissimmee Family Movie Night (Bring a chair)
 - Feb 3 – Groundhog Day
 - Feb 10 – The NeverEnding Story
- Old Town Feb 6 – Camaros vs. Mustangs car show
- Old Town Feb 27 – Over 40 Car show
- Old Town Feb 17 – "The Dukes" stage show
- Wine Tours – Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards
- Disney Springs – walk around and hear free live music
- Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM Lake Eola Park (downtown Orlando) **Farmers Market**
- **Fort Christmas Historical Park** – Open 8 AM – 6 PM
- **Orlando Brewing** Free tour Monday – Friday at 6 PM
- **Cornell Fine Arts Museum (Campus of Rollins College)** Tuesday 10 AM -7 PM
- **Black Hammock Adventures** – free gator feedings on Sundays

February Activities

Hello Ranchers and Happy Valentine's Day! Now that we have a Soundbar for the TV, look for Pizza and a movie every month. **We are still looking for volunteers for the Activity Committee. We meet the 1st Friday of the month at 6PM at the front clubhouse, so bring your ideas and come join us.**

The Ice Cream Social and Gift Card Bingo are on the 2nd at 1PM. Come and win a Walmart Gift Card.

Vets and Friends meeting is on the 8th at 7PM in the back clubhouse. Movie and Pizza is on the 9th at 5PM. Do not be late as we go get the pizza at 5pm on the dot. Movie this month will be a comedy. Our Valentine's Day Community Dinner is on the 16th at 5PM. The menu is Chicken Parmesan over pasta, rolls and salad. As always, desserts are appreciated and welcomed.

Laurie

Crafting with Friends

If anyone is interested in starting a Crafting group, please sign-up at the front clubhouse. Print your name and telephone # and we will call you about an informational meeting. If you do crafts or want to learn, please sign up.

One Last Senior Joke

Two senior ladies were out for a Sunday drive in a huge car. Neither of them could really see too much over the dashboard.

When they came to an intersection, the light was red yet they kept on cruising through.

The passenger thought to herself, "I feel like I'm losing it, but I swear we just drove through a red light."

A few minutes later, they drove through another red light. The passenger was almost certain that the light had been red but was still slightly concerned that she might be going mad, so she decided to give the driver one last chance.

As they were approaching the next intersection, the passenger paid a great deal of attention. This time the lights were certainly red, yet just as before they just sped past.

"Susan!" the passenger yelled. "Do you know we just ran 3 red lights in a row? We could have been killed!"

"Oh, am I driving?" came the reply.

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