



March 2019

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Hello Starlight Ranch Residents

It sure is a great time to be living in the Sunshine state with the very nice weather and very few bugs!!

With all of the crazy snow storms all over the news... it sure reminds me of those cold days in my past when just going to get milk and bread was such a chore. By the time you got the car warmed up, and then you are worried that you might end up stuck along the side of the road!

Meanwhile back at the Ranch...We are not shoveling snow, but we do have some cleaning that needs to be done.

Many of the great people who live here at Starlight Ranch moved here convinced it was a safe, affordable place to live for "age qualified" residents living under rules and regulations to keep all of us in a safe, quiet and neighborly community. A major problem seems to be that some folks believe that owning a home entitles them to ignore the rules and regulations part and continue to take advantage of the affordable part forgetting that they signed an agreement with the management when they moved in.

The good news is that we now have a great group of people on the HOA board that are putting their time and knowledge into getting these problems on the table with the management. The latest news is that we are finally going to get a security gate at the entrance!! This will help in a many different ways. One of the most important is that the Sheriff's Department will be able to do something about trespassers. You have to be a gated community to enforce that particular law.

Another way, important to me, is that we will know who comes and goes in and out of park. The false information that the "rule breakers" give to management will be

documented and proven as false with photographic evidence. We know that there will be some issues in getting the community acclimated to this change. We will be working out the bugs that come with any change.

We have also obtained some evidence concerning the unauthorized residents living here that are not "age qualified" as well as people that are renting homes from homeowners. A point of information for those of you that didn't know this: this is against the rules and is grounds for the management to evict the unauthorized people from the park. All residents are to be properly approved with management to live at Starlight Ranch!!

Another bit of helpful information is: "Never sell your home to anyone that has not been approved by management". This action could come back to bite you when you find that you owe back rent. The people you thought you sold to could bail out or if they do not end up qualifying; then the last person on the lease is responsible for the lot rent!!

Hope some of this information is helpful and as always if you have questions or don't feel that you are getting the help you need as a resident please ask one our board members and we will be glad to try and help.

Curt

Hot Dates This Month

March 5 – Mardi Gras 2019

March 10 – Daylight Savings Starts

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

Lucky's Market

By Joan Stearns

I love the character of this brand new Market...It's not close (near the corner of Michigan & Orange Ave.), but it's a great store.

Of course, they offer fresh fruit and vegetables (organic, too). Their "Buy by the Bulk" aisle includes coconut flour, candies, nuts, oats, sugars, and beans...and their "Sugar Daddy" Bar offers all natural candy.

I've never seen a "Build Your Own Poke Bar" (also known as a "Rice Bar"). It features raw, marinated fish (usually tuna) tossed over rice, topped with vegetables and Asian toppings. Very healthy...high in lean protein, good for your heart (fats from fish, fiber, and all the vegetables).

Some other impressive features:

- Homemade pizza – to be cooked at home – or their signature pizza to eat in.
- A cheese shop.
- "The Kitchen" – curried chicken salad, baby back ribs, & lasagna.
- A "Build Your Own" Taco Bar.
- A bakery (look for their maple bacon donuts).
- A café – coffee, wine, and pints of beer.
- A Salad Bar, an Olive-Pasta Bar, and a Hot Foods Bar.
- A Wellness Bar – body oils, scrubs, facial care, and soaps.
- And, aisles and aisles of wine & beer – including my favorite wine – Lake Ridge Southern Red.

A few Jokes for the Month

You know you are old when you've been there and done that, but don't remember what that was.

You know you are old when you stop growing at both ends and start growing in the middle.

You know you are old when you can cough, fart, sneeze and pee at the same time.

You know you are old when you got to second base with a TSA screener.

You know you are old when the only females who pursue you are mosquitoes.

March Activities

Laurie Lyons

Happy Saint Patrick's Day Ranchers! This month we added a Crafting Group to the calendar. We meet on Monday nights in the back clubhouse. Look on the calendar for times. Our Ice Cream Social and Gift Card Bingo will be on the 2nd at 1 PM. Vets and Friends will be on the 8th at 7 PM in the back clubhouse.

We are having Pizza and a Movie on the 9th at 5 PM. On the 16th we will be having Corned Beef and Cabbage in honor of St. Patrick's Day. On the 23rd we will be having a Town Hall at 11 AM. If anyone has a hobby or special interest and want to teach how to do it, please call me at 352-210-6868. We would like to start having a LUNCH and LEARN once a month. ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ALL ACTIVITIES WITH A RESIDENT ID CARD.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
Louis DeSilvio	3/2	
Diana Santiago	3/3	
Carol Lassiter	3/4	
Rick Willis	3/10	
Valerie Ford	3/11	
Carlos Rodriguez	3/13	
Bernadette Hall	3/14	
John Bertsch	3/15	
Gladys Ibarra	3/15	
Doris Medina	3/15	
Sue Howard	3/18	
Will Howard	3/18	
Ed McRobie	3/20	
Ruthie Henley	3/21	
Steve Swerdlen	3/21	
Ramona DelValle	3/25	
Margo Newman	3/25	
Jose Sierra	3/26	
Wayne Black	3/26	
Alina Vidal	3/28	
Rich Shiller	3/28	
Loraine Krzanak	3/29	
Vince & Sharon Shader		3/7
Ed & Linda McRobie		3/22

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New Craft Group Get-to-Gether Joan Stearns

Ten of us attended the first gathering of a Craft Group, held on Monday evening, Feb. 18th.

Yarns and needles are available...beginner books and personal instructions, too! One of our neighbors is working on a beach bag, crocheted using plastic bags!

There was only one knitter - we need more!

Join us...we meet at the back clubhouse, Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8 or 8:30 pm. And, we may introduce a "Lunch 'n Learn" hour every month.



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Chair Exercises

Pat Williams

On Tuesday, Feb.12th, what a great time we had doing our Chair Exercises.. There are three of us that exercise every Tuesday and Thursday at 10am at the back clubhouse, Ruthie, Mabel and Pat. Other people will come on different days to see what we are doing. Well on this day we started off with 4 people, then 2 more came in and then another 2. What a great time we had.

Mabel and Dave we missed you. Hopefully you'll be back on Thursday. All exercises are done to tapes played on the television. We do this for an hour. Sometimes we use weights which we supply. Nothing heavy, just bottles of water.

Resident Responsibility Reminder

Residents are responsible for all guest actions while in the community. The speed limit is 10 mph upon entering the park and on side streets. The speed limit is 25 mph on Wild Horse Rd where posted. The cars blasting their stereos are being disrespectful to the residents and against the rules. Rule 15 states "Noise: Residents shall not play any radios, television sets, stereos, record players, musical instruments, car radios or create any excessive noise at any time in such a manner as to disturb or annoy other residents." Please inform your guest to obey the rules of the park. All guests must have a guest pass to use the pool and club houses.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

THE SHAMROCK

We wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because, legend says, St. Patrick used its three leaves to explain the Holy Trinity. (The Trinity is the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as three divine persons who are one divine being [God].) The truth of the St. Patrick legend, however, is in question, as there is no direct record that the saint actually used the shamrock as a teaching tool.



Hey!.....Its March and we have no snow!

Jim Henley

Talked to anyone from the North lately? We just had old friends from St. Paul Minnesota down for a visit. Their plan was to take a cruise from Tampa that would take them to Key West for a day and then on to the Western Caribbean. Unfortunately, there was too much fog outside Tampa Bay and they had to spent the first night parked in the bay and missed the trip to Key West. It was hard for them to return to St. Paul after the two week visit here, even if they missed Key West.

We know it will soon be summer and we will not be able to laugh at all those up North in the snow, but it sure is fun now.

Hope everyone is having a good time and staying healthy.

Here are a few events happening in March.

- Universal Orlando Mardi Gras through April 7
- Winter Park Sip, Shop & Stroll – March 1, 5-8pm
- Orlando Indie Comedy Fest – March 1 – 4th
 - Various Locations around Orlando
- PechaKucha Night Orlando – March 2
 - Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts
- Movie Night at Leu Gardens – March 2, 6pm
- Sonny's Smokin Showdown BBQ and Music Festival – Saturday, March 3, 11am
 - Tinker Field
- Popcorn Flicks In The Park: True Grit
 - Thursday, March 8, 7pm
 - Central Park, Winter Park
 - FREE
- Thornton 2nd Thursday Wine & Art Walk
 - Thornton Park District
- Central Florida Improv Festival – March 9 – 11
 - Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts
- Rockin Robinson in The Milk District
 - March 10, 4:30pm-1am
 - The Milk District
 - \$10 – 18 bands, 4 stages
 - I'm going!!

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February Veterans Group Meeting

Pat Williams

Veterans for the February meeting were: John Bertsch-*Army*, David Douma-*USMC*, Jackie Bedard-*Navy*, and Laura Lyons-*Navy*.

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

Patty is always outdoing herself with the meals she makes for our get-togethers each month. None go home hungry. This month it was Lasagna and a mixed salad. For desserts there were Brownies, Lemon Bites Mini Cakes and cut up fresh pineapple by Betty. Dave made a wonderful Cheesecake and Jackie had Nougat Candy.

We would really enjoy having more veterans come and visit with us. It's not a meeting anymore- just a great get-together talking, laughing and eating.



What Is Mardi Gras?

Mardi Gras is a tradition that dates back thousands of years to pagan celebrations of spring and fertility, including the raucous Roman festivals of Saturnalia and Lupercalia.

When Christianity arrived in Rome, religious leaders decided to incorporate these popular local traditions into the new faith, an easier task than abolishing them altogether. As a result, the excess and debauchery of the Mardi Gras season became a prelude to Lent, the 40 days of fasting and penance between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday.

Along with Christianity, Mardi Gras spread from Rome to other European countries, including France, Germany, Spain and England.



~ March 2019 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: ACH = Front Clubhouse MCH = Back Clubhouse					1	2
					Activity Mtg 6 PM ACH	Ice Cream Social & Gift Card Bingo 1 PM ACH
3	4 Crafting 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale-6:30 PM ACH	5 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	6 Bread 9 AM ACH	7 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	8 Vets Social 7 PM MCH	9 Movie & Pizza 5 PM ACH
10	11 Crafting 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale-6:30 PM ACH	12 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	13 Bread 9 AM ACH HOA Board Mtg 6 PM ACH	14 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	15	16 St Patrick's Day Dinner 5 PM ACH Desserts Welcome
17	18 Crafting 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale-6:30 PM ACH	19 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	20 Bread 9 AM ACH	21 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	22	23 Town Hall Meeting 11 AM ACH
24	25 Crafting 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale-6:30 PM ACH	26 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	27 Bread 9 AM ACH	28 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	29	30

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