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## MERRY CHRISTMAS STARLIGHT RANCH

The season of joy and happiness is upon us! It's a great time of the year to count our blessings and remember why we celebrate this special day!

We had a Thanksgiving dinner that was a true blessing in itself. If you were there you know what I am talking about. Not only was the feast amazing, along with that table full of sweets provided by individual residents that was pure happiness. The part that really stood out to me was to see so many of our residents gathered to break bread, spend a bit of time together and to hear them all talking about how good the meal was.

As I often mention in these letters the greatest part of our community is the residents that live here. We all know there are the everyday problems that come in life these days but as a community when you see and hear the happiness that was in our Clubhouse for this Thanksgiving celebration, there seems to be a better balance to it all. I feel so blessed to be part of this community. Last month the community let me know that you are happy to have me represent your opinions and needs with management by electing me to hold the seat as president of the Starlight Ranch HOA for another term. Along with that, we had some other great residents step up and be seated to the board. We have a lot of business to take care of again this year. It is great to have such a competent team.

Over the last few months most of the letters that I have written for this newsletter have been based on working together to make our community a better place to call home by working together on the rules and regulations of the park. To many of us, it is hard to see that there have already been a lot of changes and cleaning to get our community back to the standards that we moved here to enjoy. There are a lot more of these issues in the

works thanks to the residents and board members getting the information to the new management team in the office.

So, like I have mentioned many times before, if you see rules being broken, please say something to the office or to one of our board members. Sometimes people feel that they are not heard when they do speak up...but you are.

Already, many of the unauthorized residents have been "called out" and many more will be receiving a letter from management and our legal department addressing this issue. I can tell you that people who have been breaking the rules and regulations are getting very upset when the letter arrives. The parents of the children living here are some of the "upset" people and have many excuses and stories. Sadly, it is so wrong to have children hiding in a house so "grandma doesn't lose her home", teaching them to lie about their living arrangements so they can live here illegally.

Sending a special "**thank you**" to Jim and Ruthie Henley for all of their help putting the newsletter together each month for the past few years. This job will be handed over to another resident, Roger Hurlburt, beginning in 2020. Their help has been very much appreciated and helpful!

Thank you to one and all.

Enjoy this special season of joy and happiness

Curt



## Free Holiday Events

- Handel's Messiah
  - December 1<sup>st</sup> – 2:15 p.m. free concert. Bob Carr Theater 401 W. Livingston St. downtown
- Christmas in the Park
  - December 5<sup>th</sup> – City of Winter Park 41<sup>st</sup> annual event. The two hour program begins at 6:15 p.m. and includes the Bach Festival Choir in concert on the main stage.
- Winter on the Avenue & Holiday Tree Lighting
  - December 6<sup>th</sup> – City of Winter Park street party 5 to 10 p.m. along Park Avenue in Central Park
- 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Light up Winter Garden
  - December 6<sup>th</sup> – Plant Street Ceremony starts at 6 p.m.
- City of Oviedo – Tree lighting, food trucks and Santa
  - December 5<sup>th</sup> – see Center Lake Park transformed by Elf in Magic!
- 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Light Up Mount Dora
  - November 30<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. but lights on all nights following.
- Lake Eola Park Tree Lighting & Entertainment (free)
  - December 6<sup>th</sup> 5 – 9 p.m.
- Ye Olde Hometown Christmas Parade
  - December 7<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. Downtown Winter Park.

## Obituary Notices

Long-time resident of Starlight Ranch, Emilio Melendez, died October 10<sup>th</sup>. Graveside services will be held on December 26, 2019. We extend our sympathies to his son, Louis Melendez, who also lives at Starlight and to all the friends and neighbors who were so fond of him.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Ethel Louise McNeal who passed away recently. Her neighbors on Horse Shoe Bend are sad to say goodbye to such a wonderful neighbor.

## Editorial Comment

*Jim Henley*

As this is my last time editing the monthly newsletter for our Home Owners Association I wanted to take the opportunity to express my thanks for the support from our HOA board. Ruthie and I enjoy providing this service and it is with some regret we have decided to end it this year. However, in my new role as a Board Member Director I intend to continue working to support our residents at Starlight Ranch.

Some of our residents may not know about our Official HOA Website. I have been developing that site since sometime in 2013. I will continue to keep it updated with our Board Minutes, Financials, etc. I know the name for the site (<https://starlightranchhoaweb.com>) is awkward to put in your PC but usually once you enter it you should be able to return without problems. Check it out!

In case you wonder, my passion is landscape photography and I intend to be increasingly involved over the next year which means travel often. That is the primary reason for dropping the newsletter editing.

Feel free to contact me for PC or Photography questions. I love it!

Finally, my best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a healthy New Year!



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<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>ANVER.</u>
Emilo Gonzalez	12/1	
Albert Michaels	12/4	
Isabel Rodriguez	12/5	
Jane M. Ortiz	12/7	
Georgia Moffat	12/12	
Donald Power	12/13	
Bryan Bailey	12/14	
Richard Pryze	12/16	
George Estep	12/18	
Mary Rivera	12/19	
Cindy Pokel	12/20	
Maria Brown	12/24	
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Patty Olsen	12/24	
Susan Duncan	12/25	
Angie Ambra	12/25	
Verna Dixon	12/31	
Gerry Eten	12/31	
Junior Rodriguez	12/31	
Louis & Robin DeSilvio		12/3
Carol & Tony Ortiz		12/5
Bob & Jo Ellen Hall		12/5
Steven & Shirley Henry		12/27
Robert & Madeline McDuffie		12/28
Stephen & Diane Bagley		12/30

## Annual Rummage Sale Report by Joan Stearns

Even though the weather was certainly not on our side...it was so cold!...the Annual Rummage Sale was on!

First, I have to thank Denise Koplak, our parking monitor. She worked outside from 5 am - 1 pm! Curt was great in seeing that the tables for the vendors were where they should have been. And, of course, thanks to Georgia, who always keeps us organized.

Even though the crowd was light, it was wonderful to see old friends. AND, I certainly added a few treasured items to my collection.

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***A sign-up sheet is in the front clubhouse. The presentation will be on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 PM***

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### December Activities

*Linda McRobie*

**Hello fellow ranchers!!** As most of you all know, I will be your new activity chairperson. A BIG thank you to Laurie Lyons and Curt Delong for all they have done for activities. Great job!!

Crafting will be on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Ice Cream Social on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, Vets Social on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> and our Christmas Dinner on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.

We will be collecting donations to be used as gifts for our Christmas Dinner. Please only NEW items.

There will be no chair exercises on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> or Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and no bread on Dec 25<sup>th</sup> or Jan 1<sup>st</sup> due to the Holidays.

There is a new sign-up sheet for volunteers. Please sign up along with your phone number. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Chair Exercises

*Pat Williams*

We do chair exercises every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 am at the back clubhouse. These exercises are done sitting down to DVDs on the TV. They are very helpful and easy to follow. Also, you do as much as you're able. If you want to stop a few minutes and then continue that's fine. There is no pressure. Some weeks we use weights which are supplied but if you have your own that is fine too. Our main group is Ruthie, Mable, Pat and Bertha. Laraine has joined and when possible Maria comes and joins us. We all enjoy what we are doing. Why don't you stop in some Tuesday or Thursday and see what's going on. You may decide that this is something you would like to try. And if you didn't want to do it twice a week you are welcome to come once a week. It is entirely up to you.

~ December 2019 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Crafting MCH 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale-6:30 PM ACH	3 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	4 Bread 8:30 AM ACH	5 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH  Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	6  Activity Mtg 6 PM ACH	7  Ice Cream Social Gift Card Bingo 1 PM ACH
8	9 Crafting MCH 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale-6:30 PM ACH	10 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	11 Bread 8:30 AM ACH  HOA Board Mtg 6 PM ACH	12 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH  Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	13	14 Town Hall Mtg 11 AM ACH
15	16  Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale-6:30 PM ACH	17 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	18 Bread 8:30 AM ACH	19 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH  Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	20  Vets Social 7 PM MCH	21  Christmas Dinner 5 PM ACH Desserts Welcome
22	23  Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale-6:30 PM ACH	24	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26  Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	27	28
29	30  Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale-6:30 PM ACH	31 Chair Exercise 10 AM MCH	Notes: ACH = Front Clubhouse MCH = Back Clubhouse			

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