



Starlight Ranch Mobile Homeowner's Association, Inc.

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Introducing the New H.O.A. President

On November 11, 2020, **James Irvine** was elected by a majority vote of the board members (2 to 5) as president of the Starlight Ranch H.O.A.

James moved to Starlight Ranch two years ago from Riverview, FL., where he was a school teacher for 37 years. After his retirement he attended Bible College and obtained a Bachelor Degree and a Master Degree in Divinity and is currently serving as the Associate Pastor at the Conway Baptist Church.

James has had previous experience with H.O.A's and served for two years as President of the Ballantrae H.O.A. in Riverview Florida.

Please welcome James to the board along with other new members Phil Palumbo, Carmen Lopez and Linda Shays. Also, congratulations to re-elected members Bruce Halverson, Linda Van Meter and Denise Kopljar. Georgia Moffat continues to serve as the Board's Treasurer.

See James Irvine's Note: Page 5

Food Pantry Announcement

Starlight is happy to announce that we will be starting a food pantry in the back clubhouse which will begin distributing sometime around the beginning of 2021.

In order to make this successful, we are hoping to count on those fortunate enough to be able to donate canned goods, pre bagged and pre sealed food with expiration dates on them so we can monitor for safety reasons.

Drop off times will be every Monday in the back club house from 9 am until noon. Simply drop your donation on the shelf to the right as you enter the clubhouse. There will be a clear sign indicating "Starlight Ranch Pantry."

We are hoping to see generosity from those who can contribute as we have several individuals in the park who are deserving of this program.

Questions? Please **text** Denise Kopljar at 407-443-9214.

Why Is It Important For Me To Join The HOA?

Are you a member of the Homeowners Association within Starlight Ranch? If not, ask yourself why not? Do you have questions, concerns, complaints or issues about what is or might be happening in your community?

Human nature is to talk to neighbors about an issue that is important to you and the talks can eventually evolve into a complaint session that accomplishes very little. Or you may have a tendency to voice your concerns, or anger on social media sites.

Here is a sad statistic about our community. We are a community of 700+ homes but ONLY 77 residents are active members of the HOA and fewer than 20 attend the open monthly meetings! By becoming an active member of your neighborhood HOA you have access to all Board members and monthly meetings. Most importantly you contribute a voice to help your Board members have a stronger stance when dealing with the owners, Equity Life Style and their employees in the front office.

HOA Board Members aren't paid a salary, and they don't receive any special "perks". We strive to be open with association members. We are volunteers that serve because we do care about Starlight Ranch and its residents. Our one goal is to make decisions objectively to better serve the residents, not Equity Life Style (ELS).

Please do your part as a Starlight Ranch resident and join the HOA this month. The cost is so small at \$10.00 per YEAR! Take the time to fill out the enclosed application, write your check for \$10.00 to "Starlight Ranch HOA" and drop it off at the HOA office located in the back clubhouse or hand deliver to Georgia Moffat.

Have a voice in what happens in your community!





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Something you may not Know:

Mariachi

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Mariachi (/maːriˈɑːtʃi/; Spanish: [maˈɾjatʃi]) is a genre of Regional Mexican music that dates back to at least the 18th century, evolving over time in the countryside of various regions of western Mexico. The usual mariachi group today consists of as many as eight violins, two trumpets and at least one guitar, including a high-pitched vihuela and an acoustic bass guitar called a guitarrón, and all players taking turns singing lead and doing backup vocals.

From the 19th to 20th century, migrations from rural areas into Guadalajara, along with the Mexican government's cultural promotion gradually re-labeled it as Son style, with its alternative name of "Mariachi" becoming used for the "urban" form. Modifications of the music include influences from other music such as polkas and waltzes, the addition of trumpets and the use of charro outfits by mariachi musicians. The musical style began to take on national prominence in the first half of the 20th century, with its promotion at presidential inaugurations and on the radio in the 1920s. In 2011, UNESCO recognized Mariachi as an Intangible Cultural Heritage, joining six other entries on the Mexican list of that category.^[1]

Song styles and instrumentals performed with mariachi include rancheras, corridos, cumbias, boleros, ballads, sones, huapangos, jarabes, danzones, joropos, pasodobles, marc hes, polkas, waltzes and chotis. Most song lyrics are about machismo, love, betrayal, death, politics, revolutionary heroes and country life.

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2021 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

James Irvine – President/Director

Denise Koplal – Vice President/Director

Linda Van Meter – Secretary/Director

Georgia Moffat – Treasurer

Phil Palumbo – Newsletter Editor/Director

Linda Shays – Asst Editor/Director

Bruce Halverson – Director

Carmen Lopez - Director

Phone Numbers will be in the January Newsletter

A note from our new HOA President

James Irvine

First I would like to thank Curt DeLong for the many years of service at Starlight Ranch. Great job Curt!

Just a little about myself: I'm a retired school teacher of 37 years and I'm also a reverend serving at Conway Baptist Church. My wife and I have been in the community for 2 years and love living here.

My strength is communication and developing relationships which will be of great use with the community. I would like to increase our HOA membership which will give us a greater voice with Park Management.

I've already spoken with many residents and my number and email will be available to all residents if they have any issues.

We have several new members on the board with various backgrounds. Our goal is to make the community great again and a proud place to live.

Current Management is also new in the park and has signaled a willingness to work with us in achieving our goals.

On a final note, my two years' experience in Tampa as President of the Ballantrae community HOA will help me work with all our residents and park management.

Thanks again to community for the trust you placed in electing me. I will work hard for you!

December Birthday/Anniversary List

NAME	BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY
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	
Carol Herring	12/24	
Patty Olsen	12/24	
Susan Duncan	12/25	
Angie Ambra	12/25	
Raymond Emarcin	12/28	
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

**Merry
Christmas**

The Stranger appears out of nowhere. His identity is unknown. His motives are unclear. His information is undeniable.

He whispers a few words in your ear and disappears, leaving your world shattered. Adam has a lot to lose: a comfortable marriage, two wonderful sons, and the trappings of the American Dream.

Then he runs into the *Stranger*.

In this thriller, Harlan Coben takes on two facets of modern American life: affluent suburbia and computer hacking. He intertwines the two in *The Stranger* to produce a frightening plot with several villains and some not-so-innocent victims.

Note:

"We are looking for someone to volunteer to take care of the library in the back clubhouse. The books just need to be put in alphabet order and file returned books."

If you have any questions call Joan Stearns:

678 338 0486.

Another Recycling Tip

Ruthie Henley

This one was a surprise to me! Gable top/flat top paper coated box/container. For me it's almond milk. We use one in a gable top and another in a flat top like chicken broth comes in. Check the back or side of the box near the bottom for recycling instructions. Mostly they say to replace the top and place like that in your recycle bin. I cannot resist rinsing it out first, even though it does not say so., but I want to avoid the box swelling in the heat.

In 2020, Hanukkah begins at sundown on Thursday, Dec. 10 and lasts until sundown on Friday, Dec. 18.

What is Hanukkah?

Hanukkah, which is Hebrew for "dedication," is the Festival of Lights.

It commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian Greek army, and the subsequent miracle of rededicating the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and restoring its menorah, or lamp.

The miracle of Hanukkah is that only one vial of oil was found with just enough oil to illuminate the Temple lamp for one day, and yet it lasted for eight full days.

How Do You Celebrate Hanukkah?

We celebrate Hanukkah at home by lighting the menorah (each night we light one additional candle to the number from the previous night), playing dreidel, and eating special foods unique to Hanukkah. Some people also sing Hanukkah songs or exchange gifts after lighting the menorah, which is also called a *hanukkiyah*. Many people host and attend Hanukkah parties.

What Are Hanukkah Foods?

Many Hanukkah foods are deep-fried in oil, symbolizing the oil from the menorah used in the Temple. These include latkes, or potato pancakes, and jelly doughnuts. Other favorites include the Sephardic delicacy bimuelos and use, of course, applesauce as a latke topping. Chocolate gelt, a candy that gets its name from the Yiddish word for money, is another popular Hanukkah treat.



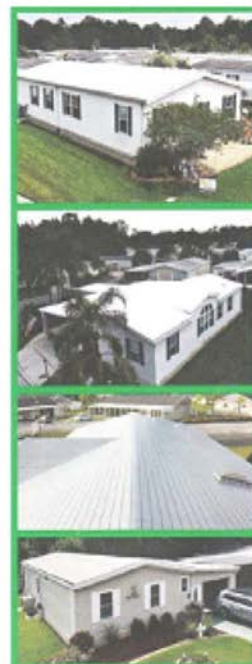
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Ruthie Henley


Scattered amongst wonderful books in both of our libraries are some books by Nevada Barr. Her most popular character is Anna Pidgeon who solves mysteries while keeping up with her duties as a park ranger in our National Parks. She is moved from park to park for various different reasons and manages to find a new mystery to solve each time.

Nevada Barr herself was once a park ranger and does know the background for her stories. We have had a few of her books for many years. I found more while we were traveling and buying books at Goodwill or Thrift Shops all over the country. They are now here in our libraries. We have almost a complete set of Nevada Barr's books. You will enjoy visiting our National Parks from the inside!

Funny Christmas Jokes

1. What do you call an obnoxious reindeer? Rude-olph.
2. What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? Stick with me and we'll go places!
3. How is Christmas exactly like your job? You do all the work and some fat guy in a suit gets all the credit.
4. Why did no one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay? Because they were two deer!
5. What do you call a scary looking reindeer? A cariboo.
6. What do angry mice send to each other at Christmas? Cross-mouse cards!
7. What do reindeers say before they tell you a joke? This one's gonna sleigh you!
8. What do you call Santa's little helpers? Subordinate clauses.
9. Why don't you ever see Santa in hospital? Because he has private elf care!

~ December 2020 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 HOA Business Board Meeting 6 PM ACH <i>Members Welcome</i>	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 	26
27		29	30	31 New Year's Eve 2020 is gone at last!	Notes: ACH = Front Clubhouse MCH = Back Clubhouse	

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	Dial 911
Non-Emerg Help & Information	Dial 311
United Way/Elder Services	Dial 211
Universal Towing	407-816-0102

Starlight Ranch Office	407-273-3130
After hours/weekends	407-770-7015
Rattlesnake Security	407-545-1464
Orange Cty Animal Control	407-836-3111

Sheriff – Non-Emergency	407-836-4357
Mosquito Control	407-254-9120
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Narcotics Tip Line	407-521-2400