FEBRUARY





STARLIGHT RANCH NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

Happy New Year Starlight Residents! I am looking forward to a great year. However, we need to come together as a community so we can accomplish the things we need to get done. This means we need your help by joining the Homeowners Association and becoming a member.

The better the numbers, the better chances we have of bargaining power for our community. We have many issues to deal with and I would like to invite all of you to come to the meetings. We will answer any and all questions you have and we welcome your input.

Also, during this time, I am asking you to check in on your neighbors and reach out to them if you can. We are living in difficult times. However, if we come together as a community, we can continue to move Starlight Ranch forward and improve our neighborhood and our quality of life here.

Thank you for your time.

James Irvine

President/Director

Starlight Ranch

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Mensaje Del Presidente

Felicidades en este nuevo año residentes del Rancho Starlight.

Estoy viendo hacia adelante a un estupendo año. Sin embargo, necesitamos unirnos

en comunidad, para realizar las cosas que necesitamos lograr. Esto significa que necesitamos su ayuda. Por favor unirse al HOA (Homeowners Association) convirtièndose

en un miembro. Solo \$10.00 al año. Entre mas miembros entren mas podemos luchar contra la administración. Entre mas miembros tenemos mas el poder para negociar.

Tenemos muchas cuestiones que negociar y los invito a unirse con nosotros en nuestras reuniones. Sus preguntas estaran bienvenidas y también aceptamos sugerencias.

Durante este tiempo tan dificil revisen a sus vecinos que estèn bien con ellos. Como comunidad podemos mejorar nuestro vecindario Starlight Ranch y la calidad de

vida aquì.

Estas son las palabras del presidente del HOA. *James Irvine*

Que papito Dios los cuide y proteja.

Carmen Lopez

Information on How Your Mail is Delivered

I wonder how many people know how your mail is delivered every day. Meaning; how the mail carrier is supposed to deliver the mail. It is the responsibility of your carrier to deliver the mail AS ADDRESSED. Most people get the correct mail every day, there are some instances where you will find a piece of mail with someone else's name on it. Yes, possibly the name on the mail is for your neighbor put into the wrong box. (Very Rare) But the carrier is looking at the address and needs to deliver that piece of mail to that address. If that recipient labeled on the mail has moved it is not for the carrier to know everyone who had moved. Secondly, if you receive a piece of mail i.e.: advertisement, solicitation or even coupons that is put in your box that is because it is **ADDRESSED OCCUPANT**. You are now the occupant of that address. If you do not want that solation just discards it. Again, the carrier has nothing to do with the old name on the piece of mail.

Now; if you find a piece of mail that does not belong to you, PLEASE PLEASE do not leave it hanging around or stick it between the door or on the bulletin boards. If you think the mailing is of importance just slide it back into the outgoing mail slot. If it is an advertisement you can discard it in the trash. Leaving the mailings wedged in the door and on bulletin boards can come loose in the wind and bad weather and fall to the ground making our community look trashy.

It is up to us the resident to help police the area and keep it looking nice. Some might say it is not your responsibility, but I believe there are more residents willing to help keep our community looking nice.

Respectfully,

Mary Rivera

RULE BREAKING 101

Before I get into that topic, I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Barry Verenini. Most people know me as the walker. I try to walk the whole ranch every day, weather permitting. I have made a lot of friends and look forward to seeing and chatting with them everyday when my wife of 51 years was here with me in the fall and winter. We are soon to be full time residents next October.

Management is the number 1 rule breaker. They set up rules and don't enforce them. We had a hard time getting our house purchased and approved 5 years ago even though we were over 55. Now it seems like it is 55 and under. We also met ALL the criteria. In those 5 years, things have changed. It seems anybody can live here as there are teenagers and toddlers everywhere. I have seen as many as 5 vehicles in a car port and as many as 2 cars parallel parked at the end of driveways. Now to get there, they have to drive on lawns causing tire ruts. Two weeks ago, I saw a black car on Wildhouse drive onto the grass to avoid going over a speed bump by Stallion Court. I would love to have a speed bump in front of my house, as cars race from one speed bump to the next.

Another issue is water usage. Why do residents have to water down their driveways, sidewalks and part of the street in front of there houses? In regards to watering lawns, these are everyday occurrences. Most of that water hits the street and runs down the gutters on the way to the sewers. What a waste of a precious commodity.

As I said earlier, management does not enforce any of these issues. They bring in new housing and install irrigation systems that run every day for hours in vacant homes. If you live in one of these new homes, ask them to adjust the time and coverage. I might be able to adjust it for you. I just want us to have a nice and safe community for all of us. Stay safe and get vaccinated soon. Thank you and peace to all.

THE

NOSEY

DETECTIVE....

The nosey detective was walking the grounds here at Starlight Ranch and noticed how lawns in the community are so different. For example, some lawns are lush green, void of weeds and beautiful while others are lime green with patches of brown and heavy on weeds.

The landscapers do a great job mowing and trimming the lawns, but what can we do to get the best out of our lawns?

The nosey detective decided to do some investigating and consulted experts in the field of lawn maintenance. What he found out was the riding lawn mower the landscapers use has blades that pick up bugs and bacteria on other people's lawns and when they mow your lawn, those contaminants get transferred to yours!!!

Here is what you can do to bring your lawn up to par. For one, you can hire a company to come out to maintenance your yard with treatments and sprays. This can cost you anywhere from \$50 to \$100 a month. Don't worry, the nosey detective has a much more inexpensive way- Do it yourself!

The treatments are easy to do, cost less than \$10 a month and you only spend 30 minutes

every 3 months doing it yourself!

These treatments can be purchased in the lawn section at any Home Depot or Lowes in the area. The first treatment is for the bugs. It is called TRIAZICIDE by a company named Spectracide. It costs less than \$9 and you want to purchase the one that has a nozzle attachment that can connect to your water hose at home. Once you get home, simply attach it to your water hose and spray your entire yard with it. The whole process takes less than 10 minutes and lasts for 3 months.

The final treatment is any bag of weed and feed for St. Augustine grass. Again, it can be purchased in the same area as the Triazicide. The bag costs between \$17 and \$20 dollars depending on which brand you choose. Once purchased, simply spread the pellets in the bag evenly onto your lawn. This process take less than 20 minutes and it too, lasts for 3 months. Once you start these treatments every three months, you will be the envy of all your neighbors!!!



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The Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well", he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person and ask them to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand", I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or teacup."

"No", he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the windows?"

ACTIVITIES ARE BACK!!!

Check the back page to see the calendar of great events that are coming back this month! Please remember, in order to keep these activities going, we are asking everyone to social distance and wear masks.

***The chair exercises can resume, we need a new volunteer to lead the group.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Carlos Rodriguez	2/1
Donna Caulkins	2/1
Ray Rassmussen	2/1
Daniel Bertsch	2/1
Charles Mullen	2/4
Bob Marley	2/6
Micki Dugan	2/11
Maria Moreno	2/21
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
Bob Coyne	2/28
Roger Halbert	2/28
Donald C Donay County	

Ronald & Peggy Sarett Anniversary-2/6

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the future issues, please print the information on the clipboard sign up sheet 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 away or moved so they can be removed.

STARLIGHT RANCH LIBRARIES

For those who don't know and those who need a reminder, there are two libraries spaces provided by Starlight Ranch. The libraries are located in both the front and back clubhouses.

The back clubhouse library is located in the room next to the laundry room door and is currently being reorganized and updated. Older books in poor condition are being removed so that more current authors and titles can be added for your enjoyment.

If you have books that you have already read but don't want to throw away, please drop them off at the back clubhouse library. Just place them on the table and they will be sanitized and added to the current selection.

If you are unable to take them to the library, please contact me at lshays0913@gmail.com. A pick-up can be scheduled at your convenience. SUBMITTED BY LINDA SHAYS

<u>Reminder</u>- In Florida, it is a law that you must pick up your dogs poop and discard it. <u>En Espanol</u>- Es una ley en Florida, que uno debe recoger despues que su perro haga sus necedsidades. Gracias.

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YOU WANTED TO KNOW...

This message comes directly from the Starlight Ranch office- here is how your can make your monthly payments

- *Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) The easiest and most secure method to make timely payments. Have your monthly payments automatically withdrawn from your account. Call the office to request an EFT enrollment form.
- *Community Resident Portal Is an easy, reliable, and free service that's available 24 hours a day, allowing you to; Check your account balance, make a one-time payment, or schedule recurring payments. Pay by credit/debit card (subject to 3% site usage fee by the payment processor).
- *In person at the office Office will be open between 9am 5pm starting Monday, Jan 25 and only 2 people at a time.

~ February 2021 ~								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale - 6:30 PM ACH	2	3	Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	5	6 Ice Cream Social Gift Card Bingo 1 PM ACH		
7	Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale - 6:30 PM ACH	9	HOA Board Mtg 6 PM ACH	Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	Vets Social 6 PM MCH	13		
14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale - 6:30 PM ACH	16	17	Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	19	20 Movie/Pizza 5 PM ACH		
21	Bingo 6:45 PM Last Sale - 6:30 PM ACH	23	24	Bunco 4:00 PM ACH	26	27		
28	Notes: ACH = Front Clu MCH = Back Clu							