

May - June 2020



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Thank you to Jay and Marge Freeman for this month's cover picture on the Gazette. This beautiful full moon was taken on Tuesday March 10, 2020 from the front of their home on E. St Andrews Drive.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY?

Tues	May	5	MC HOA Meeting AR1 10:00 am
Tues	May	5	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Fri	May	8	Bulk Trash
Sun	May	10	Mother's Day
Mon	May	11	HR HOA Meeting FH 4:00 pm
Tues	May	12	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Tues	May	19	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Fri	May	22	Bulk Trash
Mon	May	25	Memorial Day/ Office Closed



Note: Subject to change - please check your emails.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE?

Tues	June	2	MC HOA Meeting AR1 10: 00 am
Tues	June	2	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Fri	June	5	Bulk Trash
Mon	June	8	HR HOA Meeting FH 4:00 pm
Tues	June	9	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Tues	June	16	Ice Cream Truck FH 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Fri	June	19	Bulk Trash
Sun	June	21	Father's Day

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Diamond Tours Presents:
Charleston, South Carolina

5 Days 4 Nights
February 8th—12th, 2021
Cost: \$685 Double Occupancy PP
Insurance is available
Cost: \$59 Per person
Double Occupancy
Call the office to sign-up



Escape to:
Charleston, SC



Eastern Caribbean & Perfect Day

Royal Caribbean Cruise on the
Harmony of the Seas

February 28, 2021—March 7, 2021

Call the office for more information
and to sign up.



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cart hub caps \$15.00

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Shirley 863 202-0936
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Sonic LTZ \$8,000 obo
29,000 miles ,leather
interior, turbo, sunroof,
automatic, cruise, stereo
with CD player,
excellent condition call
Jim at 815 347-1375

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charger included. No scratches or dents. It may work with other providers,
not sure which ones though. This would be an excellent for a first cell
phone. \$50.00 Phone **Roger Massie @ 863-382-8010**. If no answer please
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HEATER. 2-100W SOLAR PANELS.
SURGE PROTECTOR. STABILIZER
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\$400 **Edith Reed (863) 273-1905**

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Like new, safety lights front &
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**Alzheimer's Caregiver
Support Group
Meeting**

Due to Covid-19 guidelines, there will not be any further scheduled
meetings until next fall. There are plans for informal meetings over
the summer and early fall. Members will receive notification by
email. These meetings are limited in size and will be held outdoors
according to existing guidelines.

It all started on April 22, 1930... MaryAnn Payleitner showed up and hasn't slowed down since.

Fast forward to April 22, 2020... Due to the Coronavirus, her 90th birthday party was canceled, so she's planning a normal day, golfing with her daughter and having a nice quiet birthday dinner. She leaves for golf and someone has planted signs on her lawn. She arrives at the golf course to balloons and birthday wishes. Somehow that yard sign shows up at the north course, but now at least now she knows it wasn't me. We golf poorly, have lunch at the tavern and head home. On the way, there are many more birthday signs and my mom wants to pick them up. I told her to leave them. (Remember at this point, she thinks, this IS her birthday.)

Mom comes for dinner at 5, mixes a drink and opens her gifts... little does she know that behind the scenes, a party of sorts is about to happen. Enter Gary Thompson, the parade Grand Marshall, who is busily herding carts at Founders Hall (and beyond). Bob and Martha Morrill, are setting up the cupcake distribution center and Cheryl Thompson is decorating and setting out boxes for cards and food bank donations and a throne for the queen.

The text comes in... the parade is at the end of the street... unfortunately, my mom is trying on the outfit she received for her birthday. She gets changed, I tell her to step outside to "catch" the person that's been leaving the signs and she sees balloons, a chair, Cheryl and the Morrills, but has no idea that there are 117 carts approaching. She takes a seat and **SURPRISE**, horns start honking and one by one carts pass by. A parade of decorated golf carts with friends from Highlands Ridge that wouldn't miss this celebration for the world. The last cart has blown up pictures of her kids, grandkids and great grandchildren, who were there in spirit, but couldn't attend due to the virus. Carts gather across the street and Gary leads us singing Happy Birthday!

The newspaper is there to take pictures and write a story. I heard the reporter, Jim Ervin, say at least 5 times "I've never seen anything like this!"

Could it get any better, well, yes, it could... thanks to our generous friends in Highlands Ridge, 131 pounds of food and \$4,900 in cash and checks were dropped off for the Heartland Food Bank.

And that's how you do "90" Highlands Ridge style!

Happy birthday, Mom! We all love you and you know dad was looking down and smiling! ☐

Thank you to EVERYONE – especially the Thompsons, the Morrills, the Murphys, Linda Hathorn, Ben Hobbs and Dan Ostapowicz and anyone else I missed. I have no idea how we kept this a secret for 3 weeks – but we did it!



Animal NewsSubmitted by: Denise Beauparlant, *Resident***CRITTER CORNER**

Well it is hard to believe that the summer is almost upon us. December of last year, and March of this year, were record breakers for high temperature in Florida. I do not even want to think what June, July and August will bring. The summer months can be uncomfortable—even dangerous—for pets and people. It's difficult enough simply to cope with rising temperatures, let alone thick humidity.

Watch the humidity "It's important to remember that it's not just the ambient temperature but also the humidity that can affect your pet," says Dr. Barry Kellogg, VMD, "Animals pant to evaporate moisture from their lungs, which takes heat away from their body. If the humidity is too high, they are unable to cool themselves, and their temperature will skyrocket to dangerous levels—very quickly.

Never leave your pets in a parked car not even for a minute. Not even with the car running and air conditioner on. On a warm day, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On an 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. Your pet may suffer irreversible organ damage or die. If you witness a dog in a parked car, call for assistance immediately. It is beyond my comprehension how people can leave their pets, and their children, unsupervised in a locked vehicle, but I am sure we have all witnessed it from time to time.

Limit exercise on hot days Take care when exercising your pet. Adjust intensity and duration of exercise in accordance with the temperature. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours, and be especially careful with pets with white-colored ears, who are more susceptible to skin cancer, and short-nosed pets, who typically have difficulty breathing. Asphalt gets very hot, and can burn your pet's paws, so walk your dog on the grass if possible. Always carry water with you to keep your dog from dehydrating. Remember to keep your pet current on heartworm and flea and tick prevention. These insects love the summer months. If you choose to take your dog swimming, avoid areas of standing water. The bacteria levels in the hot summer months are much higher and can cause intestinal upset. Never let your dog swim in areas with blue/green algae, as these algae can produce toxins with severe effects on pets and people. Basically never allow your pet to swim anywhere where you wouldn't go yourself.

Keep yourself and your pet cool in these hot steamy months of summer in Florida!

Pickleball NewsSubmitted by: Suzanne Safford, *President*

Highlands Ridge Ladies Pickleball league and our sponsor, Kim Oppold, of Edward Jones delivered 20 Easter baskets to some of our residents.

Thank you to Sue Schinderle, Deb Kendall and Pixie Koenig for being Easter bunnies and delivering these baskets.

We now have two beautiful new looking Pickleball courts. Thank you Birdy and management for these refurbished courts. The kitchen area is a different color which we are getting used to and like very much.

Here are some before and after pictures to show the difference and improvement.

See page 7 for the Pickleball pictures mentioned in the article.





Top picture:
Pixie and Sue



Left picture:
Deb, Phyllis, Pixie



Before resurfacing



After resurfacing



Chaplain's Chat

By: Rev. Bill Commons, *Resident*



How Should We live During the Pandemic?

Dr. Marvin Olasky came from a non-religious Jewish background and became a Communist while studying in a prestigious American university. Later, when he came to faith in Christ, he was transformed into a leading Christian thinker and author. After many years as a distinguished professor in the University of Texas at Austin he became a college president in NYC, and now serves as editor of WORLD magazine. Here I reference some of his thoughts on living as Bible-believers in the time of coronavirus:

Our response to the current crisis should follow what Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 1:7 “God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” Satan has inflicted the world with a plague that some people have “without showing signs of sickness so they will distrust each other and quiver in their own homes with their own food and hand sanitizer”.

This is “a disease designed in hell, breaking the bonds of community as it creates fear of everyday encounters – people can be symptomless for up to three weeks as they transmit the disease to others.”

So how should Bible believers live in such a tense and fearful time? It is wise and necessary to follow physical distancing and other protocols to avoid spreading the virus, until authorities relax the guidelines. But while not shaking hands, “we should not shake with fear so we stay out of contact with each other”...we are still meant to serve one another.

“We should not be so concerned about our own health that we are afraid to be neighbors. Pay attention to the needs of the elderly. Take a meal to doctors or nurses working long hours. How we react to a crisis like this shows whether we belong to Christ, and the whole world is watching.”

“If we merely hunker down, that is Satan’s triumph. We always need to show God’s love (in appropriate ways). That’s especially true in the time of coronavirus.”

“...be servants to one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in a single commandment: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF” (Galatians 5:13b-14, New Testament)



We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, food, cards and words of encouragement after Shirley's hip surgery. Highlands Ridge is a wonderful and caring place to live.

Thank you again.
Dick and Shirley Myers

The family of Larry Wise would like to thank all the Highlands Ridge people who sent cards, food and words of sympathy & prayer during this very sad time for us. He loved Highlands Ridge very much, we had been here 20 years.

Thank you, my dear family of friends, at Highlands Ridge for the many expressions of love, support and comfort shown me. I am so deeply appreciative of all of you.

God Bless, Beverly McIlvaine

My beloved Gary left me way to soon. Through the shock and sadness, all of you have wrapped your arms around me. Social distancing has made things very difficult, but I feel the love of this community. Thank you all for the flowers, food, and the multitude of cards, messages, and calls. You stepped up to be my family when my real family couldn't be with me. My family and I are forever grateful.

Marian Nielson

COVID 19 CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)



Patients with COVID-19 have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness. Symptoms can include

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

* Symptoms may appear 2–14 days after exposure.

Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

www.cdc.gov/covid19-symptoms

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Romer, Karen
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Strasser, Jan
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(239) 223.0126 – Delete



In
Loving
Memory
of

Geraldine Fitzgerald

Linden McIlvaine

Gary Nielson

Happy Birthday

05/01	Amanda	Hemgesberg	05/12	Sara	Brown	05/23	Richard	Morenzoni
05/02	Edie	Beaudoin	05/12	Cecil	Rose	05/23	Louise	O'Brien
05/02	Russell	Millner	05/13	Eileen	Deskins	05/23	Kathy	Wood
05/02	Charles	Sample	05/13	Karen	Romer	05/23	Geraldine	Clark
05/02	Lisa	Surbaugh	05/13	Pam	Haglund	05/24	Shirley	Anthony
05/02	Dixie	Taylor	05/13	James	Ayres	05/24	Joette	Devon
05/03	Glenn	Guillemette	05/14	Rachel	Mull	05/24	Mary	Dunckel
05/03	James	Kronyak	05/14	Dave	Jarrett	05/25	Mike	Sorenson
05/03	Shirley	Tyler	05/15	Janie	Sofie	05/26	Sue	Dethlefs
05/04	Paula	Chaney	05/15	Robert	Clark	05/26	William	Eaton
05/04	Jack	Dunn	05/16	Bob	Beales	05/26	Judith	Lyons
05/04	Nancy	Ostapowicz	05/16	Bev	Crabtree	05/27	AJ	Davis
05/04	Jim	Palmer	05/17	Jeanne	Jackson	05/27	Terry	Rose
05/06	Gail	Welch	05/17	Sharon	Schwartz	05/27	Donald	Ullin
05/07	Roseann	Eglinton	05/18	Maureen	Coleman	05/28	Barb	Edwards
05/07	Bob	Henry	05/19	Barb	Smith	05/28	Thomas	Paonessa
05/08	Marguerite	Boisvert	05/20	Bill	Rapp	05/28	Jan	Singer
05/08	Terry	Bowman	05/20	Mary	Roman	05/28	Richard	Wilson
05/08	Earline	Ayres	05/20	Jim	LaPlante	05/29	Jeff	Cudney
05/10	Debra	Bragg	05/21	Jerry	Stewart	05/29	Judy	Flaherty
05/10	Dale	Brown	05/22	Helen	Beastrom	05/29	Jerry	Kauffman
05/10	Bob	Master	05/22	Joseph	Healey	05/30	Jim	Deskins
05/10	Larry	Reimers	05/22	Colette	Johnson	05/30	Ron	Robinett
05/11	Frankie	Orpurt	05/22	Kim	Lathwell	05/30	Lou Ann	Watson
05/11	Jack	Palmer	05/22	Bud	Morgan	05/31	Beth	Morishige

May

HAPPY
Anniversary

May

05/01	Richard & Linda	Barney	05/18	Dick & Claire	Lensis
05/01	Larry & Vicky	Musch	05/20	Dwight & Carol	Woodward
05/03	John & Patricia	Yirsa	05/21	Peter & Sylvia	Blackmore
05/04	Jan & Marsha	Durrua	05/21	Joe & Linda	Marchio
05/07	David & Susan	Shaner	05/22	Bob & Martha	Morrill
05/08	Scott & Cynthia	Moore	05/22	Richard & Suzanne	Nicholson
05/09	Alan & Mary	Powell	05/23	Keith & Judy	Snyder
05/10	Lisle & Ruth Ann	Gibson	05/24	Carl & Phyllis	Griffin
05/10	Judy & Richard	Kidd	05/25	Robert & Marie	Faber
05/12	Ron & Barb	Mitchell	05/25	Bill & Mary	Jacobs
05/12	Ron & Barb	Tallman	05/25	Walt & Lucy	Rucki
05/13	Mac & Charlotte	Selvidge	05/26	Philip & Joette	Devon
05/13	James & Janet	Lagocki	05/28	Bob & Charlene	Dabill
05/15	Ron & Linda	Drabik	05/29	Bob & Bobbi	Goodman
05/15	John & Sandy	Eichstadt	05/30	Dale & Patty	Huffman
05/15	Donald & Linda	Ullin	05/31	Bob & Gayla	Bergmann
05/17	Claude & Verian	Jackson			
05/17	Morris & Marie	Meyer			



06/01	Fran	Ramsay	06/09	Janet	Weidemann	06/22	Jeanie	Lynch
06/02	Sandra	Birkholz	06/09	Judy	LaPlante	06/23	Ruth	Nizza
06/02	Kenneth	Faulk	06/10	John	Ouillette	06/23	Phyllis	Reeves
06/02	Lorraine	Jones	06/10	Rod	Madsen	06/24	Ruth	Heyne
06/02	Bill	Mauck	06/10	Mary	Harden	06/24	Ann	Palmer
06/02	Dennis	Morishige	06/11	Janet	Lagocki	06/25	Jerry	Beastrom
06/02	Laraine	Valentine	06/11	Eileen	Whitten	06/25	Armand	Boisvert
06/03	Jerry	Martin	06/12	Bob	Becker	06/25	Nancy	Brown
06/03	Bobbi	Morgan	06/14	Bobbie	Hutchinson	06/25	John	Ingram
06/03	Madelene	Stitzer	06/15	Carl	Altenoff	06/25	Jerry	McDonnall
06/03	George	Vansickle	06/16	Dan	August	06/25	Edi	Reed
06/03	Susan	Butrymowicz	06/16	Erma	Winegardner	06/25	Valarie	Biancalana
06/04	Tom	Morgan	06/16	Edward	Friedmann	06/25	John	Wilkinson
06/04	Sharon	Colglazier	06/17	Wendell	Brown	06/26	Brenda	Buchwald
06/04	Bob	Harper	06/17	Jim	Norris	06/27	William	Adams
06/05	Dennis	DeNooy	06/18	Larry	Baker	06/27	Dan	Norris
06/05	Wayne	Jones	06/19	John	Burton	06/27	Polly	Martin
06/05	Ton	Long	06/19	Earl	Dunckel	06/28	Betty	Ashcraft
06/06	Ray	Boswell	06/19	Storme	Odell	06/28	Dianne	Ouillette
06/06	Emma	Lorey	06/19	Mary Ann	Romer	06/28	Beverly	Cox
06/06	Erma	Morgan	06/20	Ralph	Mete	06/29	Wendy	Cornell
06/06	Peggy	Reichert	06/20	Terry	Millner	06/29	Richard	Lamorte
06/07	Samuel	Amata	06/20	Sue	Purdy	06/29	Robert	Brandon
06/07	Paula	Gast	06/21	Bob	Faber	06/30	Ruth Anne	Bauer
06/08	Teri	Donaghy	06/21	Deb	Martens	06/30	Vicki	Crossgrove
06/08	Brenda	Rawson	06/21	Bob	Dabill	06/30	Jean	Rapp
06/09	Tom	Kuster	06/22	Dennis	Cox	06/30	Gary	Thompson
06/09	Don	Davis	06/22	Ralph	Gendron			

June

Happy Anniversary

June

06/01	Russ & Sue	Davis	06/12	Doug & Monique	Murdock	06/24	Ken & Elaine	Oeltjenbruns
06/01	Ross & Kathy	Howitt	06/13	Tom & Teresa	James	06/26	Gary & Cindy	Kinser
06/02	Joe & Donna	Wissing	06/14	Larry & Shirley	Boyd	06/26	Donald & Judith	Marsh
06/03	Tom & Bobbi	Morgan	06/14	Kim & Jo Ellen	Lathwell	06/26	Lewis & Jennifer	Engbretsen
06/03	John & Brenda	Place	06/14	Larry & Pamela	Besser	06/27	Dean & Judy	Burmester
06/04	Phillip & Deb	Hunter	06/15	Dave & Judy	Pfiester	06/27	Ben & Becky	Hobbs
06/05	Randy & Karen	Ferrand	06/15	Ralph & Linda	Sosley	06/27	Harold & Mary	McLean
06/05	Paul & Winnie	Kelley	06/16	Rick & Connie	Carter	06/28	Randy & Sharon	Colglazier
06/05	Norm & Joyce	Downing	06/16	Don & Carol	Kah	06/28	Curt & Anne	Dillman
06/09	Burleigh & Karen	Chatfield	06/16	Dan & Laverne	Seymour	06/29	Bill & Sharon	Commons
06/10	Bob & Dorrie	Harper	06/16	Dennis & Marsha	Donoghue	06/29	John & Patricia	Peddle
06/10	Robert & Susan	Butrymowicz	06/18	Lee & Trudy	Klauk	06/29	Jim & Bunny	Skaja
06/11	Bob & Cindy	Becker	06/19	Roger & Carol	Cardwell	06/30	Jerry & Helen	Beastrom
06/11	Ken & Deborah	Reimer	06/21	Ray & Darlene	Gardner	06/30	Nick & Sharon	Borrell
06/11	Gary & Sue	Schinderle	06/21	Jim & Patti	Haas			
06/11	William & Donna	Weber	06/22	Bruce & Deb	Martens			
06/12	Mike & Judy	Gleason	06/24	Frank & Vickki	Crossgrove			
06/12	Butch & Sherry	Hoover	06/24	Lynn & Joellyn	Hufford			



Highlands Ridge HOA

By: Linda Hathorn, *Secretary*



Our April Board Meeting certainly was different. The entire Board was on their email and John Ingram had sent us a list of invoices to be paid. We all responded by email and approved all bills so John was able to process the billing. Our lives have been slowed down a bit by the virus and there also is not much HOA activity going on.

I thought I would take this opportunity to update the Boards contact information.

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In order to reduce the number of contractors entering Highlands Ridge, the Architectural Committee is not addressing any changes or additions to homes at this point. We will advise everyone when this changes. The next HOA meeting is May 11 and we will make sure to let you know if we need to cancel this due to the Governors restrictions.

Stay well and stay home.



Marina Cove HOA

By: Susan Butrymowicz, *Vice President*



During these stressful times of social distancing we are REALLY missing our weekly BINGO games! What better time to shout out a big "THANK YOU" to all the folks who make our BINGO possible!

Jo Ellen Lathwell tirelessly oversees the games and ensures that things are running smoothly even in her absence. Her back-up supervisor is Bruce Mann with assistance from Richard Shelley, both officers of MCHOA. A dedicated team of callers alternate calling the games: Bill Rapp, Dennis Birkholz, Mary Coates, Tom Dahlen, Tom Mischke, and Norm Guay, a former MC resident, who usually calls for the summer months.

The Canteen is up and running again, thanks to the efforts of Diane Steullet and her staff: Patti Wilson, Marsha Utley, Judy Garneau, Arlene Mann, & Marc Steullet (for his expert shopping assistance!) Special thanks to the ladies who donate desserts – they are greatly appreciated! All Canteen proceeds go directly to MCHOA!

The folks who work the BINGO table do an excellent job setting up the games and handling prize money during the games. A very special thanks to: Deb Martens, Cynthia Wucher, Dick Comer, Pat Sorenson, Jo Johnson, Carol Bailey, Jean Rapp, Dawn Collins, Geri Roosa, Donna Weber, Ann Flores, Sheila Macnaughton, Audrey Eddinger, and Cindy and Ron Robinett.

It takes lots of volunteers to make BINGO happen!

COVID-19: Here's a Red Bow Reminder to put red ribbon on your light post to show that we are praying for our neighbors and our nation during this difficult time. Please be safe and take care!



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY & HAPPY FATHER'S DAY !!!

**The Ridge Report**

By: Birdy Whitehouse, *Property Manager* ~ birdy@highlandsridge.com

Hello everyone! Welcome to all the new residents in Highlands Ridge!

While we are still under the Governor's "Stay at Home" order, the pools, jacuzzi, the gym, activities rooms, library/computer room and Founder's Hall are closed until further notice. Our office hours are still Monday through Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm by phone or email. Please do not call to ask for fax, scan or notary services, the answer is no. Please utilize the drop boxes outside the office. We will be installing an outside distribution form center by the office soon. You will find commonly used forms, for example, the summer form, ACH forms for HRH and MC, resident change form and the management request form to name a few. Also, check our website www.highlandsridge.com for these forms and other forms that you can download.

We do have some good news in Paradise. The pickleball courts were resurfaced during April and they look beautiful. We will be sealcoating some roads in Highlands Ridge starting the week of May 18 and continuing till the end of the month. I will send out an email blast with the details once we get closer to the date. Roads will include the Oak Run village, Greenskeeper Drive, Gold Tee Drive and E. Fairway Vista Drive (in front of Founder's Hall all the way to the entrance of Scottish Links.)

The Gazette will be available **electronically only** starting with this issue. Our next issue will be two months, July-August. Please remember your submission to the Gazette is due by June 19, 2020 to gazette@highlandsridge.com only. You may access the Gazette on the Highlands Ridge website as well. There will be **NO PRINTED** versions.

All management sponsored events are cancelled for the remainder of the year. This includes the Welcome Back Dance, Coffee with Birdy, monthly potlucks, and the monthly movie and ice cream. Please remember not to approach any staff members during this pandemic. Please keep 6 feet away and this includes the maintenance staff.

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, many recycling centers are closed. Therefore, Highlands County has suspended recycling service until further notice. You can place both carts out with all your trash. There is no need to separate. It is all going to the same place!! The hazardous waste recycling center located on Skipper Road will be closed until further notice as well. The Highlands County landfill remains open to the public.

Bulk Trash Days:

- May 8
- May 22
- June 5
- June 19

We do post bulk trash days on both marquees the week of.

The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners FB page updates daily about the COVID-19 virus. Check it out!

Our staff wishes everyone a Happy Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day!



Let's Keep Highlands Ridge Beautiful!

**LGA NEWS**

By: Cindy Becker, *Vice-President* HRLGA18@gmail.com



Thanks to Covid-19, our season ended with a whimper rather than a shout, but it was still a season to be proud of! We didn't get to have our Farewell Outing and Luncheon to say thank you, so let's do it here. We'll begin by saying a BIG Thank You to Nancy Owens, our out-going President for her excellent leadership this year. We had some changes to adjust to, with our new handicap system and recalibrating the golf courses, but Nancy talked us through it and helped us understand how things will now work. She was the right person for the job!

Nancy would be the first to tell you she didn't do it alone. We'd like to thank all of our board members for their fine work: Pam Wick - Vice-President, Georgia Trissell-Treasurer, Pat Olesek-Secretary, Jo Ellen Lathwell – Games Chair. We appreciate all the work you do!

Thank you also to our Standing Committee Members which include: Round Robin-Karen Swan and Sharon Borrell, Choose-Up-Cheryl Racicot and Willie Faye Myers, Christmas Party-Becky Hobbs, Cheryl Racicot and Willie Faye Myers, Welcome Back and Farewell Scrambles-Joan White and Pam Wick, 9/18 Mixer-Sheila Bowman, Willie Faye Myers and Cindy Becker, Rules Committee-Louise Henrich, Sunshine Committee-Linda Sosely, Auditing Committee-Jo Johnson, Welcome Committee-Pat Olesek, Historian-Joan White, Nominating Committee-Karen Swan, Handbook-Evelyn Seely, Publicity Committee-Willie Faye Myers. It truly takes a village to run this organization!

We continued to be a generous group, giving back to the women's shelter with purses and gift cards at Christmas, donating \$2,027 to Champions for Children and giving \$441 to Paradise Pride.

And... a STANDING OVATION to Pam Wick, who organized our Heartland Food Bank non-perishable food drive! Who knew that her brilliant idea to have a contest between golf courses would go way beyond stocking up the food bank for the summer, but come at a time when so many of our local families are out of work and have an extra need for all we can give them. Thank you to ALL that contributed so much in food and monetary donations. We'd like to make an extra plea to you to consider continuing to donate after the April 30th contest deadline. Even if you're back in your summer homes, if you are able, any additional help you can send would benefit so many. Checks can be made to: Heartland Food Bank, 928 State Rd 17N, Sebring, FL, 33870.

We look ahead to next season with optimism and hope. Our Member/Guest is rescheduled for Saturday, November 7th. New sign-up sheets will go up this summer and most of the details remain the same.

The Divorce Open is scheduled for November 19-20th, with the banquet on Saturday evening, November 21st. Fall early bird registration is October 1st – 16th.

Here's hoping and praying all of you are healthy and that we will be safely together next fall!

SAVE THE DATE!
2020 Divorce Open
Nov. 19th & 20th, 2020





MGA News

By: Phil Hunter, *Secretary*



We are all very fortunate that both our courses have remained open during the coronavirus ordeal!!! What would we do to occupy our free time without golf?

Your new 2020/21 MGA Board members are: President Jay Freeman, Treasurer Sam Cline, Secretary Phil Hunter, Curt Dillman, Randy O'dell and Kim Lathwell. Be sure to thank outgoing President, Ron Swan, for his time effort the last two years! We'll provide you with updated event calendars in the fall and have added a new event, the MGA Club Championship.

Jay and Curt have agreed to run the Member/Guest next March with guidance from Gary Dobereiner who has organized it for a dozen years. If anyone would like to lend a hand, please contact them.

Because the 4th and final Play with a Pro Event was canceled, we have decided to carry over the season long accumulated points into next season's 4 events. The standings after the 3 PWP are posted in the S. Course sign up room. For those of you who've gone north, here are the top 10-12 results for both divisions.

1ST DIVISION WITH HDCPS 0-16

Hunter 69, Ferrigan 56, Shine 53, Dillman 52, Flaherty 48, Barney 48, Steullett 47, Hobbs 47, D. Brown 47, Taylor 47, Morrill 46, Lathwell 45, Moore 45

2ND DIVISION WITH HDCPS 16 AND ABOVE:

Gray 66, Blesch 65, Olesek 65, Marshall 57, Lynch 56, Quay 56, Ashcraft 53, Freeman 38, Baker 36, D. Stewart 35, Hurless 34, Murphy 33, Robinett 33, Becker 31

And because the Going Away Scramble was also canceled we will have a balance in our account of more than we expected, so that means we will not need to raise the dues next year. :-)

Reminder that next season we will be playing the blended tees on the new score cards coming out and there will no longer be any "MGA Blended Tees". This is due to the newly rated golf courses and the new position of the tee boxes. Safe travels to anyone able to head north.



LGA 9-Hole News

By: Mary Ann Beyer, *President*



Please remember that if you need to cancel your tee time, please call the Pro Shop in the morning, it seems like the message does not get relayed if you call on Sunday, or else contact someone in your foursome.

I am happy that I am still in paradise and not having to brave the weather that the Upper Midwest is experiencing. I hope you are all staying safe in these trying times when we are distancing from our family and friends. Thank you to all the ladies still continuing to golf on LGA days. I feel like riding in our own carts has been a positive for me because it seems like I concentrate more on my own game and do not pay attention to my partners as much. It also seems like we play faster when we drive directly to our own ball. The other thing is, it is much cooler and wonderful to be outside in the earlier part of the day. The down side is that we don't get to share our lives as much with each other. But this too shall pass...

Keep Swinging Ladies 🍷 Enjoy your Summer, wherever you may be!



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Thank you to Phyllis Molishas for these two great pictures. Phyllis lives on Oakmont Drive in the village of Arbor Green. These photos were taken on Monday February 17, 2020.



Please submit your photos taken from Paradise to gazette@highlandsridge.com.