

GAZETTE

Highlands Ridge Holdings, LLC

October 2021

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Thank you to Jerry Bennett for this peaceful picture of the stream looking east from the #5 tee box on the south course. 2020

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCT & NOV?

- 10/8 Bulk Trash
- 10/11 HR HOA Meeting
- 10/12 HR Residents Council Meeting
- 10/18 Flu Shot Clinic
- 10/19 Potluck
- 10/21 Movie & Ice Cream
- 10/22 Bulk Trash
- 10/30 Welcome Back Dance
- 11/3 MC HOA Meeting
- 11/5 Bulk Trash
- 11/8 HR HOA Meeting
- 11/9 HR Residents Council Meeting
- 11/13 Arts & Crafts Fair
- 11/19 Bulk Trash
- 11/24 OneBlood - Blood Drive
- 11/25 Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/25 HRH Office Closed
- 11/26 HRH Office Closed

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER?

- 12/1 MC HOA Meeting
- 12/3 Bulk Trash
- 12/11 Holly Jolly Party
- 12/13 HR HOA Meeting
- 12/14 HR Residents Council Meeting
- 12/16 Movie & Ice Cream
- 12/17 Bulk Trash
- 12/24 HRH Office Closed
- 12/25 Merry Christmas
- 12/25 Christmas Potluck
- 12/31 HRH Office Closed



Note: Dates are subject to change. Please check your emails.

**Mahjong every Friday, Founder's Hall,
12:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

Call Martha Carpenter 863-402-1806 for info. Leave a voice message if no answer.



Want to have some fun and meet new residents? Come out every Sunday at 1:00pm to play some **Bocce Ball**. (by the shuffleboard courts at Founder's Hall)

Come out to Founder's Hall parking lot on, **November 24, 2021 ~ 10am to 3pm** to donate at the **HR One Blood Drive!** Please call the office at 863-471-1115 for an appointment.



- Bocce Ball** - supplies are in the shed
- Shuffleboard Courts** - supplies are in the shed
- Horseshoe Pits** - supplies are in the shed
- Tennis Courts** - bring your own water - no water coolers will be provided for your safety
- Pickle ball Courts** - bring your own water - no water coolers will be provided for your safety
- Basketball Hoop** - we do have 2 basketballs that you can sign out if you don't have one
- Corn Hole** - we have 2 portable games call the office to sign out
- Oversize Connect Four lawn game** - we have 2 games call the office to sign out





Duro-Max XP12000EH Generator.
1 yr old=never used. \$1,400 on internet;
will sell for \$1,100.
Jerry Beastron (863) 402-1683

EOS Rebel DSLR T6 Camera Body with a Canon EF-S 18-55mm IS II Lens & a EF 75-300mm III Lens. Canon EOS Shoulder Bag, SanDisk SDXC 64GB Memory Card, Lens Cleaning Cloth, Battery with Charger, Plus 2 Extra Batteries, and Instruction Manual. Asking \$250.00 or a reasonable offer. **Roger Massie (863) 382-8010**

Brother Dream Quilter 15 with 10' Grace Continuum Quilt Frame

15" W x 8" H harp workspace, 5" LCD touch screen display; Built-in stitch regulator- 3 regulated modes: Precise, Cruise and Baste, plus manual stitch; Custom grip handles with 6-quick access buttons + Rear handles ; Free-motion, open toe, micro, and ruler quilting feet; Built-in bobbin winder, 1 extra bobbin case, 5 large M class bobbins; 2 laser pantograph pointers; Groovy boards with stylus; Ruler work base plate; Extra carriage for select home sewing machines; 3 Velcro leaders for 10 foot frame; Essentials Kit - adjusting tools; #18 needles, lint brush, oil, thread, corsage pins.; Used 36 hrs.; Delivery possible within 75 miles; Total Package: \$5750;
Marilyn or Bob Hau 847 921-1028

JOIN US FOR A

Thanksgiving Potluck

There will be sign up sheets on the Founder's Hall bulletin board, for anyone interested in attending the Thanksgiving Day Potluck feast.
The date is **November 25th @ 2pm.**

When signing up, please list each person's name and specify exactly what you are bringing in the category you sign up under.(main dish, side dish, appetizer, or dessert) Remember to please bring enough to feed 8 - 10 people. You are responsible for supplying your own place settings (silverware, plates, napkins, cups & whatever you care to drink.)

The tables are set up around 10am on the morning of the event.
If you have a full table and want to set it up yourself, please feel free to do so!
It's a great way to share fellowship and celebrate our blessings together!
Hope to see you there! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to
call or text Linda Sosely @954-594-2324.

Thank you & God Bless you!

Raisin' Cain Band—Heartland

February 5, 2022

Founder's Hall
7:00pm - 10:00pm

Tickets - \$10.00 per person





Chorale News

By: Karen O'Laughlin, *Secretary*



Welcome Back to all that have been away! Hopefully, by the time you read this, many will have started to return and we'll soon know if our Canadian friends are also allowed to return to our Paradise this year! What a year it has been! 2020 was bad, but so far 2021 hasn't been much better. We can only hope and pray that this pandemic ends soon, or at least get a better handle on it. I pray those that can get vaccinated will do so and help us all get on with our lives. It may not be what we had before, but certainly would be better than the what we have going on now. Very sad indeed.

That being said, it is with a heavy heart that I have to tell you all that because of the threat and deepening recurrences of the Covid-19 Delta variant, the Highlands Ridge Chorale will NOT be returning this fall as we had hoped. We had been so looking forward to singing together again in October. We just can't take the chance of anyone becoming ill with the large audience we always have at our Holiday concert. We are all very disappointed but can't really see any other option.

However, this does NOT mean the end of Chorale. We don't know what the future holds, but we have to remain optimistic that our Chorale will be back together sometime soon and be singing for our community once again. So please, don't despair as we will, hopefully, be returning for our 20th (albeit one year late) Anniversary Concert in March of 2022 with the same program we had been rehearsing last year when we had to disband.

So, until then, be well and stay healthy! We will return!

Book Club News

By: Mary E Harden, resident

The book club will hold their first meeting of the season in the pagoda on Thursday October 21st at 1:30 pm. Our selection "Not Her Daughter", by Rea Frey, should elicit some lively discussion.

Reviewed as "An emotional ride where the line between right and wrong begins to fade, Not Her Daughter pulls you in from the very first page, and, unlike most in its genre, you won't know how you want it to end until it does."

Hope to see you there!!



Library News

By: Mary E Harden, resident

Welcome to our new residents of Highlands Ridge!

If you haven't already done so, stop by and check out your library. We have a vast selection of reading material,

videos, music cds, books on cd, and games and puzzles!!!

To those new to Highlands Ridge, our rules are simple. Borrow whatever you want and return it so others may enjoy it when you are done. A drop box is provided right inside the main door for returns. Filers come in regularly and put the books, etc. back on the shelves

Just as a reminder, when using the library computers to print, be sure to delete any private documents from the download file once you have done so. And, delete them from the trash as well.

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

This month's critter corner is about one of our wildlife neighbors that many people complain about and ask for advice on how to get them to relocate. The following is courtesy of Florida Fish and Wildlife.

“Armadillos are a native mammal of southwestern North America that has expanded its range into Florida. Introductions of armadillos also occurred along the east coast of Florida as early as the 1920s and in southern Alabama in the 1960s. Armadillos are now common throughout most of the state and are considered to be naturalized. Armadillos prefer forested or semi-open habitats with loose textured soil that allows them to dig easily. They eat many insects, other invertebrates, and plants. They are most active at night, and have very poor eyesight.”

“Armadillos dig burrows for their homes or to escape predators, and a single armadillo can have several different burrows with multiple entrances. Pregnant females always give birth to identical quadruplets. She produces one egg that splits into four identical offspring that are either all female or all male. This trait differs from most other mammals. Armadillos are fascinating in other respects. When they need to cross narrow water bodies, they often walk on the bottom underwater. If it is a wide body of water, they will inflate their stomach to twice its normal size, allowing for enough buoyancy to swim across. When startled, armadillos often leap high into the air, and then run quickly to a nearby burrow.”

“Armadillos' prolific rooting and burrowing can damage lawns and flower-beds. To reduce armadillo damage to your lawn, keep watering and fertilization to a minimum. Moist soil and lush vegetation bring earth worms and insect larvae to the surface of the soil. Armadillos can sometimes be enticed to move on by watering areas adjacent to the damage site. Also, watering gardens in the morning is preferable since the soil can dry out in the afternoon and not be as easily detected by nocturnal armadillos. Armadillos can be excluded from small areas with extensive damage by using fencing at least 2 feet high and with an apron buried at least 18 inches deep. Armadillos are also particularly attracted to fermenting fruit. Remove fallen fruit to avoid attracting unwelcome wildlife.”

“Have an armadillo burrow under your house or in your yard?”

Harassing burrows causes animals to feel unsafe and can convince them to relocate on their own without additional intensive and sometimes expensive eradication efforts. Illuminate burrows with a bright spotlight or flashlight and/or put a radio in or near the hole, without blocking the animal from exiting.

It is lawful for a landowner to live-trap or humanely destroy nuisance armadillos, although they are difficult to capture with live traps. All live-captured nuisance armadillos must be euthanized, released on-site, or released on a property within the same county of capture, that is 40 acres or larger with written permission from the landowner. However, relocating wildlife is seldom biologically sound and the animal often does not survive. Captured non-target species are required to be released on site.”

Please try to use the options suggested. If you live trap and relocate, or have a service do that for you, it can be a death sentence for not only the animal but the young they might leave behind. Let's try to coexist with our wildlife neighbors!



Highlands Ridge Fall Arts and Crafts Show

Come join us at Founder's Hall!
3003 East Fairway Vista Drive, Avon Park
Saturday, November 13, 2021
Founder's Hall
8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Concession provided
All profits will benefit the HR Chorale!!



The Ridge Report

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



Hello everyone and welcome all new residents!

Please share with residents who you know that do not have email or no internet at all. We do have a computer room—it is in the library. There are computers and a printer for everyone's use at no charge. The weekly email blasts along with the activities calendar, birthdays and anniversaries are posted on the bulletin boards. The activities calendar will be printed and available at the community distribution center. If you see an activity that is not on the calendar, please notify the office. If you see an error with an event on the calendar, please send the correction to gazette@highlandsridge.com. The office does their best with the activities listed on this calendar but if you change your activity, you must notify the office so the changes can be made.

If you have a concern about the common areas or amenities, the concern must be in writing. Please email me or drop off your signed concern either in the drop off box or at the office.

Founder's Hall Pool: The pool was closed on September 22, 2021. The subcontractor estimates the project to take about 3 weeks to complete. The resurfacing will be so nice once it is done. Stay tuned for updates through email blasts.

Marina Cove Residents: The annual CPI letter, ad-valorem pass thru charge, and the trash invoice was mailed out on September 14, 2021. The annual trash invoice of \$173.00 is due by October 31, 2021. The ad valorem of \$116.60 is due by January 1, 2022. The new lot rent rate will take effect January 1, 2022. If you would like the pass thru charges drafted out of your checking account that is on file with us, please complete the one-time authorization form that is available at the community distribution center.

Founder's Hall Memorial Path: You can still purchase a brick for \$125.00. Please email frontdesk@highlandsridge.com for the form.

Golf Cart Safety: Remember, you are responsible for your guests, please make sure they abide by the speed limit and stop at all stop signs. Golf carts are supposed to be driven with care and the driver should have a driver license.

Distribution Center: The center has the most common forms used at Highlands Ridge. All these forms can be found on the website www.highlandsridge.com. Click on "Resident info," then look under "Commonly Requested Forms."

Rules and regulations that are listed in your Prospectus or Covenants:

1. Stop at all stop signs.
2. Speed limit is 20 mph.
3. Pets must be on a leash at all times and under control.
4. No signage other than a "for sale or for lease."
(this includes political signs)
5. MUST have prior approval before performing any type of work on the exterior of your home!
6. ALL golf cart drivers must be at least 16 yrs. of age to drive a golf cart within the community.
7. Do not drive through anyone else's yard except for your own with your golf cart or vehicle!

"Let's Keep Highlands Ridge Beautiful"



Augusta Model Begins Finishing Touches Opening



ME Gose Builders has begun to put the final touches to finishing the New Augusta Model located at 4250 North Course Lane. This 3 Bedroom 2 bath with 2 car garage plus golf cart garage has all the options you could want in a new home. From the open kitchen with beautiful island to the outdoor lanai with grill and fire pit area, this new home model captures all the fine points of luxury living at Highlands Ridge.

Model Opening Party for Residents Coming Soon!

Call Lydia Taylor for more information

(863) 784 – 3313 or www.highlandsridgenewhomes.com

**OPENING
SOON**

Welcome to Paradise

Updates

Allnutt, Rick & Diane
 3941 Puma Dr
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**Going Away Dance
 California Toe Jam**

April 9, 2022

**Founder's Hall
 7:00pm - 10:00pm**



The Alzheimer Caregivers' Support Group will have our monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 30 and Tuesday, December 28 at 2:00-3:30 p.m. We will be meeting in the Gazebo next to Founders' Hall. This group consists of those who are caring for friends and/or family members who have Alzheimer or other dementia-related diagnoses. Our mission is to provide support and resources/information to caregivers and friends who need a place to share their stories and get answers to questions concerning this disorder. We invite you to attend the discussion and get more familiar with others here in Highlands Ridge whose loved ones are living with dementia. For information or questions, call Sue Purdy at 614-310-0160.

Marina Cove HOABy: Susan Butrymowicz, *President*

Hello all! Safe travels as everyone is heading back to paradise!!

There will be no October homeowners association meeting. The next homeowners association meeting will be November 3, 2021 at 10:00am in Founder's Hall.

The Villages of Highlands Ridge HOABy: Linda Hathorn, *Secretary*

There is Good News in Highlands Ridge. The Covenants have now been secured from the Declarant and the Board has authority to enforce the Covenants. We, the residents, now have the authority to amend the Covenants with the majority approval of homeowners. At the recent HOA meeting, Nancy thanked Pat Shine for all the work he has done to make this happen. All of the changes will be written up with the original wording and what it will be changed to, and this will be sent to all residents for comment. Then there will be a vote and 30 days prior to the vote you will get a voting document and a meeting will be held. 30% of the residents will have to show up to the meeting, making it quorum. To have the amendments to pass there must be at least 51% of the homes voting yes.

- 1.03 - Corrects reference to common facilities from 6.01 to 5.01
- 2.06 - Remove prohibition on lot line hedges
- 2.08 - Add restriction on site line obstruction in front yard
- 2.10 - Adopt previously approved amendment on irrigation wells
- 2.16 - Adopt flag usage provision in FL Statute and allow commonly flown flags
- 3.06 - Adopts HOA Board policy to allow two real estate signs
- 3.09 - Adopts HOA Board policy requiring garbage cans completely out of site
- 3.19 - Adds enforcement of fines up to \$1,100 for Covenant non-conformance
- 7.03 - Modifies HOA assessments to allow funds to be used for other than operating expenses
- 7.05 - Incorporates FL Statute provision for collection of assessments

Another amendment change was suggested regarding leasing of resident property. Presently the covenants require a minimum term of at least 7 months. This change will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Please look for an email from Constant Contact to review all the covenant changes. We want to hear your comments.

Be safe.



NEWS FLASH FROM LGA 9 LADIES GOLF LEAGUE

LGA 9 Associate Membership (10th Hole Ladies Group)

The LGA 9 Golf League cordially invites any non-golfing lady who is a Highlands Ridge resident to join our upcoming Associate Membership in the Fall of 2021. Membership will be \$10.00 per year. If you are interested please watch for details coming in late summer.

Questions, please contact Cheryl Shine at csgarden@comcast.net





LGA NEWS

By: Marianne Fischer, *Vice-President* HRLGA18@gmail.com



I hope everyone is looking forward to a fresh golf season and will sign up for the special events which are already on the schedule. If you are new to golf at Highlands Ridge, you will find the eighteen-hole LGA is very active on Mondays and Wednesdays with occasional events on other days. Dues are \$20.00 and can be paid now to Georgia Trissell. Please let any member help acquaint you with the games and join the fun.

Upcoming events:

November 8, 10, 12 Round Robin - North Course

(Note that this popular event will be played on the North Course which will cause an enthusiastic response for great competition)

November 15 Welcome Back Scramble – South Course
Lunch to follow in 3 GENS

November 18, 19 Divorce Open (Registration deadline Nov. 12)

November 20 Divorce Open Banquet

On Monday, September 6th, Sue Thompson scored a hole in one on #13 on the South Course (what an accomplishment with the added benefit that she didn't have to putt that green!) She was not competing in an LGA event that day but may get to share with other lucky ladies at the end of the year. Congrats Sue! For those interested in Friday afternoon Couples Golf, look for those sign-up sheets in the Screen Room at the South Course. Sign up as a couple or find another couple to participate with you and sign up together. What a great way to get acquainted and join the fellowship afterward in 3 GENS.

RULES CORNER:

One great relief option which is available for any situation is Stroke and Distance. At any time, a player may take stroke-and-distance relief by **adding one penalty stroke** and playing the original ball or another ball from where the previous stroke was made.

One example I like to relate is the time when a player's ball was on the putting green and she putted it with too much speed and it rolled off the green into a bunker. She was devastated because bunker shots were not in her repertoire. She asked me what her options were under the rules. Imagine how delighted she was when one of her options was to proceed under stroke-and-distance, which meant that she could return to the spot on the green from which she had just putted, place the ball there under penalty of one stroke and continue playing the hole without the stress of attempting the bunker shot.

HAPPY GOLFING!

SAVE THE DATE

Divorce Open 2021

Date: November 18 & 19

See insert for more information.





MGA News

By: Phil Hunter, *Secretary*



Hope y'all arrive safe and sound to Highlands Ridge.

You can sign up at the S. Course screen room for the WELCOME BACK SCRAMBLE on the N. Course at 8:00 a.m. on Tues., Nov. 2nd. You'll need to pay your \$20 dues (checks only to HRMGA) before you play. 4 man teams will be computer chosen according to your handicap. Lunch is included as part of your dues and there'll be a brief meeting after.

A second November MGA event will be a TWO MAN SCRAMBLE on Tues., Nov. 16th and will take place at the S. Course at 12:30. Again, sign up in the screen room at the S. Course.

MGA calendars will be e-mailed to you and posted at both courses. There are usually two MGA events each month that take place on Tuesdays.

If any of you have had a hole-in-one this summer that was witnessed by another MGA member, be sure to contact Sam Cline or Phil Hunter to arrange for your \$50 payout.

It's important to be in the GHIN/World Handicap System to post your adjusted scores and maintain an accurate handicap from whatever tees you normally play from.

Anyone who needs more info. about the MGA or who's interested in becoming a member of the MGA can contact any of the following MGA Board members: Jay Freeman, Randy Odell, Sam Cline, Phil Hunter, Glenn Guillemette, Kim Lathwell or Curt Dillman.

See you soon!



LGA 9-Hole News

By: Cheryl Shine, *President*

Another summer is coming to a close and our new golf season gets even closer. The LGA 9 hole ladies have endured the hot, humid temperatures as they continued to hit the links. Congratulations ladies for your continued participation.

Here's hoping we will be joined by our Canadian members in the Fall. We have missed you!

Our summer luncheons have been a huge success. A great big shout out to Brenda Scruton for keeping our summer social events going by organizing and publishing information about our luncheons. Also thanks to 3 Gens Grill for being such great hosts.

Mark your calendars for our Fall Season Golf Opener on Wednesday, November 3 for our **Welcome Back Tournament** and Thursday, November 4 for **"A Taste of Autumn" Welcome Back Luncheon**. You won't want to miss out on either of these events. Flyers and sign up sheets will be placed in the LGA 9 white binder in the South Screen Room. **NOTE: Be sure to sign up for both these events.** Dues of \$17.00 is requested by the end of October or prior to our first golf tournament. Make checks payable to Highlands Ridge 9 Hole LGA and dropped off at the Marian Nielson, 3029 Oakhill Drive.

The LGA 9 Associate Membership (The 10th Hole Ladies) will kick off on November 1. This membership is being offered to non golfing ladies who are either full time or part time Highlands Ridge residents. If you want further information, please contact Cheryl Shine at esgarden@comcast.net.

Our Holiday Giving Tree adopted local family has been chosen. Please look for our Giving Tree at our Welcome Back Luncheon. In addition the tree will also be placed in the South Screen Room following our Welcome Back Luncheon. You will be given an opportunity to pick your tag listing items that have been chosen by our family. Gifts need to be wrapped, tagged with name on it and dropped off to Cheryl Shine at 3516 E. Gleneagles Drive. Gifts can be dropped off at anytime. Want to get in the holiday spirit early? Please step up and chair this worthwhile opportunity.

Congratulations to Brenda Scruton for her Hole In One on August 12th. Way to go!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AGAIN SOON.



Highlands Ridge Holdings

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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The Tavern
863-453-7600

3 Gen's Grill
863-201-7135

Golf Courses
North: 863-453-9991
South: 863-471-2299

Highlands County
Sheriffs Dept.
EMERGENCY 911
Non-emergency
863-402-7200

Highlands County
Recycling
863-655-6400

Animal Control
863-402-6730

Duke Energy
800-228-8485
Outages
800-700-8744 Service

City of Sebring
Utilities Department
863-471-5112 /
471-0166

Century Link
1-800-788-3600

Comcast Cable
1-800-934-6489

Tax Collector
863-402-6685

Waste Connections
Garbage Collection
863-655-0005

www.highlandsridge.com

**Welcome Back Dance
Halloween Party
Saturday, October 30, 2021**



Featuring: Two Smooth Band
Founder's Hall : 7:00pm—10:00pm

Tickets: \$10/person

BYOB - Light Snacks provided

Prizes for:

Best Overall, Funniest, Most Original, Best Couple

Sign up at the administrative
office or call 863-471-1115
for more information.



Note: Costumes are not necessary. We want everyone to come out and enjoy the dance. You are retired—"come as you are" is very much welcomed!!

Please submit all gazette articles to gazette@highlandsridge.com by the 15th of the month prior to its publication.